


## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer 

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SUBJECT: District Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Audit

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached:

1. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Air Pollution Control District (District) *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)*, also containing the *Independent Auditor's Report*;
2. The *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*; and
3. The *Independent Auditor's Report to the Board of Directors and Management*.

### DISCUSSION:

Each year, financial statements must be prepared reporting on the District's financial status and then audited by certified public accountants (CPAs) of an independent accounting firm. In addition, the District must undertake a federally mandated "Single Audit" any fiscal year the District expends more than \$750,000 of federal funds and issue a report as a result of that audit.

As part of the audit of the District's financial status (the financial audit) the accounting firm must issue two supplemental reports: 1) an *Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters*, and 2) a *Report to the Board of Directors and Management* communicating other pertinent matters related to the audit of the financial statements.

### 2023-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

The attached ACFR was prepared by the District Fiscal Division, under the direction of District management. The independent accounting firm Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP (BPW) (auditors), prepared the included *Independent Auditor's Report*. This is BWP's ninth year performing the audit for the District. It is recommended that the lead auditor rotate every five years, therefore the audit partner assigned by BPW for the District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 audit rotated to maintain auditor independence. The auditors found that our financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The financial statements in the annual report are presented to show revenue and expenditure activity for the year, prior to transferring any fund balance dollars. These dollars are transferred to offset approved fund balance budgeted expenditures for the year (i.e., grants encumbered in prior years, one-time projects, fixed asset purchases, etc.). When those year-end transfers are taken into account the District ended the fiscal year with a net profit of \$1,218,886. The District received a large mutual settlement of \$1.3 million that occurred at the end of Fiscal Year 2023-24, which can be attributed to the larger than normal profit.

For the last few years, it has been a requirement under the Government Accounting Standards Board to include the District's net pension liability on the Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position. The District's net pension liability for FY 2023-24 is recorded to be \$8.79 million dollars. Based on the FY 2023-24 actuarial report from Santa Barbara County Employee Retirement System the District is considered to be 86.5% funded.

### Single Audit Reports

Federal grant revenue was \$644,760 which was below the \$750,000 threshold in Fiscal Year 2023-24, therefore a federally mandated "Single Audit" was not required, and no report was issued.

### Report on Internal Control and Compliance

As part of the audit, and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, the auditors considered the District's internal control over financial reporting and tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters and issued the attached *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*. The auditors did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting that would be considered to be a material weakness and did not find any instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported.

### Report to the Board of Directors and Management

The attached *Report to the Board of Directors and Management* was prepared by the auditors outlining other matters that do not rise to the level of reporting required in the other reports, but that are determined to be of interest to your Board and management and require formal communication.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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- B. Fiscal Year 2023-24 *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*.
- C. Fiscal Year 2023-24 *Independent Auditor's Report to the Board of Directors and Management*.

ATTACHMENT A

Fiscal Year 2023-24  
*APCD Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR),*  
also containing the  
*Independent Auditor's Report*

January 16, 2025

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Board of Directors

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# ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

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Air Pollution Control Officer

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to protect the people  
and the environment of Santa Barbara County  
from the effects of air pollution.

Santa Barbara County  
Air Pollution Control District  
*Located in the State of California*

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

*Prepared by:*

The Fiscal Section of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Kristina Aguilar, CPA, Administrative Division Manager

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# INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

January 7, 2025

To the Governing Board of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, and the Citizens of Santa Barbara County

Please accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (the District) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2024.

District management assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of the data, the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects, reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities.

Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

A federally mandated "Single Audit" was not required for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 because expenditures of federal funds were less than the \$750,000 threshold. Therefore, there will not be a separately issued Single Audit report.

### **Profile of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District**

The District is an independent special district charged with improving the quality of the air, and protecting the people of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution. In 1970, the California Legislature gave local governments the primary responsibility for controlling air pollution from most sources except motor vehicles. In response, the District was established on September 14, 1970 to adopt measures to control stationary sources of pollution, issue permits, monitor air quality, maintain an inventory of pollution sources, and other related activities.

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Policymaking and legislative authority is vested in the governing board (Board) of the District, which consists of the five members of the County Board of Supervisors and one representative (a mayor or city councilperson) from each of the eight cities in the county, totaling thirteen (13). The Board is responsible, among other things, for adopting rules and regulations, adopting budgets, appointing committees, and appointing the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO).

The following lists members of the governing board as of June 30, 2024.

**Supervisor Das Williams**

First District  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Mayor Dave King**

Alternate – Vice-Mayor David Silva  
City of Buellton

**Supervisor Laura Capps, Chair**

Second District  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Mayor Al Clark**

Alternate – Councilmember Wade Nomura  
City of Carpinteria

**Supervisor Joan Hartmann**

Third District  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Mayor Paula Perotte**

Alternate – Mayor Pro Tem Kyle Richards  
City of Goleta

**Supervisor Bob Nelson**

Fourth District  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Mayor Ariston Julian, Vice-Chair**

Alternate – Councilmember Christina Hernandez  
City of Guadalupe

**Supervisor Steve Lavagnino**

Fifth District  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Councilmember Gilda Cordova**

Alternate – Mayor Jenelle Osborne  
City of Lompoc

**Mayor Randy Rowse**

Alternate – Councilmember Eric Friedman  
City of Santa Barbara

**Mayor Alice Patino**

Alternate – Councilmember Maribel Aguilera-Hernandez  
City of Santa Maria

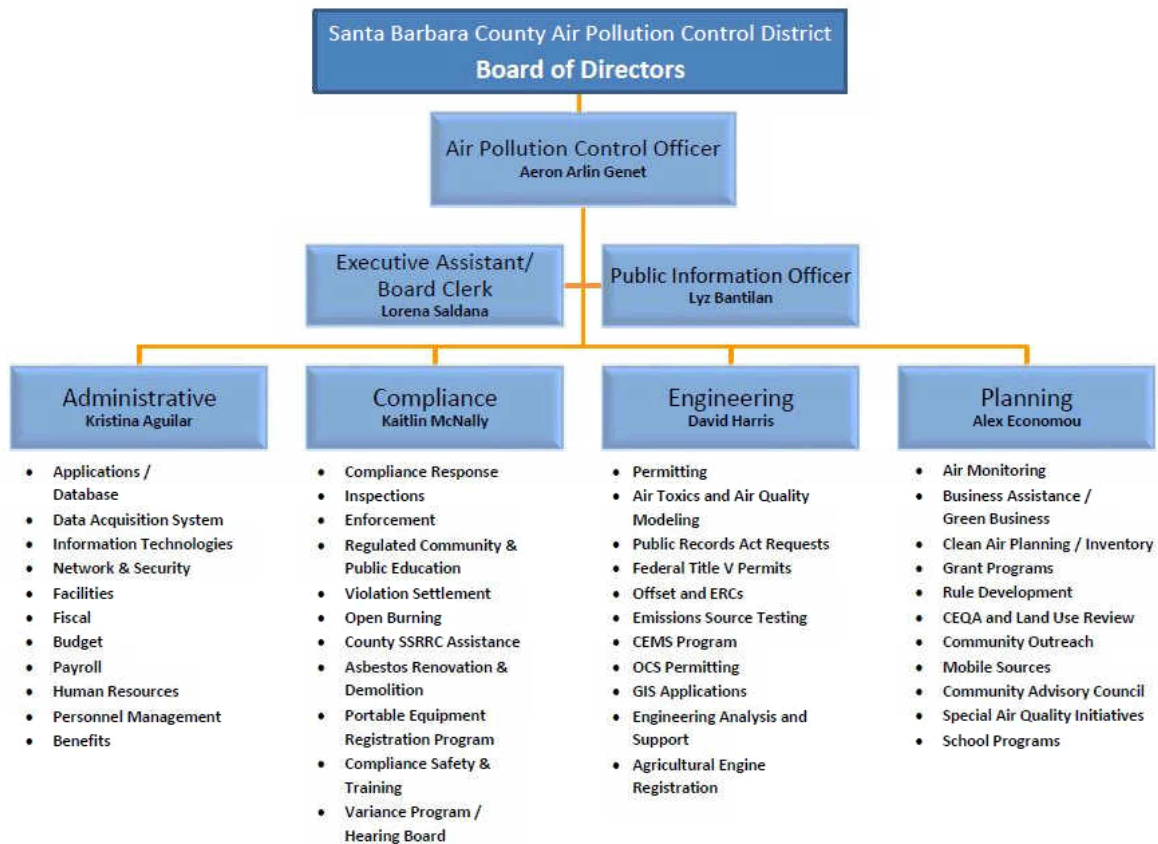
**Mayor Mark Infanti**

Alternate – Councilmember Claudia Orona  
City of Solvang

## ORGANIZATION CHART

The District, with 34.00 full-time equivalent employees, has expertise in meteorology, engineering, chemistry, planning, environmental sciences, industrial field inspection, air monitoring, public outreach, data processing, accounting, human resources, and administration.

The following chart lists the Air Pollution Control Officer and the primary divisions as of June 30, 2024.



## WHAT WE DO

Our activities are guided by broad priorities, upon which narrower goals are developed, along with specific objectives (activities) to achieve those goals. The District priorities, goals, and objectives are as follows:

### ***Priority 1: Protection of Public Health Through Air Quality Improvement***

Goal: Continue to implement programs that directly reduce emissions.

#### *Objectives:*

- As necessary, adopt new rules and regulations which cost-effectively reduce emissions.
- Emphasize alternatives to “command-and-control” regulations, such as pollution prevention, incentives, and social responsibility.
- Develop partnership initiatives to introduce innovative or other low-polluting technologies in areas not currently regulated or where technology recipients agree to go beyond regulatory requirements.
- Involve the community in pollution-reduction efforts through grant programs, public education, and recognition of outstanding pollution-reduction efforts.
- Maintain a fair and consistent compliance program, with emphasis on educating the regulated community.
- Ensure a contribution by all emission sources toward emission reductions.
- Use penalties to act as a deterrent and to place emphasis on compliance.

Goal: Maintain a strong, science-based program.

#### *Objectives:*

- Place a high priority on staff training and professional advancement.
- Base decisions on well-documented data that has been subject to critical and open review.
- Maintain a sound and robust emission inventory and air quality monitoring system.
- Maintain and update the Clean Air Plan using the latest data and control techniques.
- Use the best available resources in developing programs, rules, and permit analyses.

Goal: Ensure that the District’s mission and actions are aligned and routinely reviewed.

#### *Objectives:*

- Maintain and periodically update a strategic plan.
- Develop and adopt annual goals and track progress.

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*The District’s mission is to protect the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.*

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Goal: Ensure adequacy of resources.

*Objectives:*

- Improve efficiency by taking advantage of technological advances and improving District systems and processes for improvements.
- Broaden the District funding base by actively pursuing additional sources of revenue.
- Review our financial status to ensure financial stability.

***Priority 2: Community Involvement***

Goal: Involve the community in air quality protection.

*Objectives:*

- Initiate collaborative efforts and partnerships with the community around equity based air quality and environmental goals.
- Offer timely information, in multiple languages, on air quality issues and upcoming events via the District’s website, social media, and public information process.
- Provide the public with additional informational resources, including presentations and printed materials.
- Support the District Community Advisory Council to provide input on rules and clean air plans and to foster open communication and a collaborative approach to air quality planning.
- Conduct workshops on new rules, plans, and the budget to obtain community input.
- Reach out to community partners and the media for additional opportunities to inform the public.
- Participate in community events.
- Support students and teachers in efforts to learn about air quality and the environment.

***Priority 3: Continuously Improve Service***

Goal: Maintain and improve relationships with all constituents.

*Objectives:*

- Keep the Board well informed.
- Provide opportunities for public input on decisions affecting them.
- Train staff in customer service and reward good service.
- Survey constituents regarding the quality of service received.
- Tap employee expertise, reward high performance, and push decisions down to the lowest level at which they can be competently made.

## DIVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

Administrative Division staff: provides fiscal and executive, human resources, information technology services.

Engineering Division staff: issues permits, and works with businesses to help them comply with permits; implements the federal Title V program for large sources of air pollution; and implements the State's air toxics "Hot Spots" program for sources of toxic air pollution.

Compliance Division staff: provides initial and ongoing inspection and enforcement services to applicants and operators of stationary sources of air pollution. Perform random surveillance activities; reply to public nuisance complaints regarding odors, smoke and dust; implement the federal Asbestos program; inspect equipment under the Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP); inspect our local agricultural engine registrations; and in coordination with Santa Barbara County Fire, implement our burn programs (e.g., agricultural burns, prescribed burns).

Planning Division staff: oversees the District's air monitoring network, in addition to providing planning and rule development and coordinating with planning departments around the country. Conducts outreach, including grant programs to promote clean technologies, presentations to schools and community groups, and partners with local agencies and organizations. Reviews discretionary actions by the County and cities, provides comments on air quality issues, and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Grants administered by the Division include incentives for replacing higher-emitting cars, school buses, off-road equipment, and marine diesel engines with newer, cleaner engines. In addition, the Planning Division initiates and supports collaborative efforts to reduce emissions from unregulated sources, such as programs to reduce emissions from marine shipping (Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies). The Division is implementing the legislative requirements and incentive programs associated with the state's AB 617 program and is responsible for overseeing the District's air monitoring network.

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*The Administrative division includes administrative overhead, fiscal and executive services, human resources, and information technology section.*

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## OUR AIR QUALITY

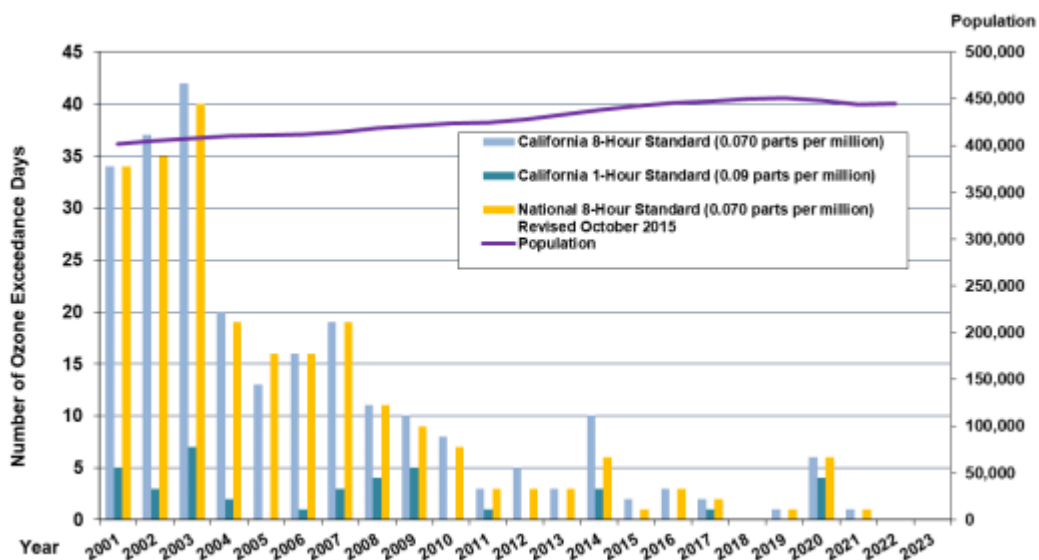
Ozone forms in the atmosphere when precursor pollutants such as nitrogen oxides (NOx) and reactive organic compounds (ROCs) undergo complex chemical reactions in the presence of sunlight. Other factors that contribute to high ozone levels include intense and prolonged heat, and stagnant air. Santa Barbara County's air quality has historically violated ambient air quality standards for ozone that were established by the state and federal Clean Air Acts. Ozone concentrations above these standards adversely affect public health, diminish the production and quality of many crops, reduce visibility, and damage native and ornamental vegetation.

In 1970, when the District was formed, the air in Santa Barbara County did not meet the federal one-hour ozone standard. For 30 years, our efforts focused on attaining that standard. In August 2003, Santa Barbara County was officially designated attainment for the federal one-hour ozone standard. Furthermore, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has designated Santa Barbara County as attainment for the 2008 federal eight-hour ozone standard (0.075 parts per million). The eight-hour standard replaced the previous federal one-hour standard. In December 2015, the USEPA strengthened the federal eight-hour ozone standard to 0.070 ppm; Santa Barbara County was designated unclassifiable/attainment for the revised standard in April 2018.

The District has made tremendous progress toward meeting the two California ozone standards; a one-hour standard of 0.09 ppm (established in 1988), and an eight-hour standard of 0.070 ppm (established in 2005). The number of recorded exceedances of these standards has trended down over time while population has increased, as demonstrated in the chart below. In fact, ozone measurements for the three-year data set from 2016 to 2018 were so low that the District was designated as attainment in 2020. Unfortunately, two measured values during 2019 during hot and stagnant conditions led to two violations of the 8-hour standard. In February 2021, the California Air Resources Board took action to redesignate Santa Barbara County as nonattainment for the state ozone standards, based on the three-year data set from 2017 to 2019. This setback highlights the challenges for the District and the state in meeting these standards given changing weather and climate patterns.

In 2022, the county once again measured no exceedances of the state and federal 8-hour ozone standards. The number of recorded annual exceedances continues to remain low, and in January 2023, the California Air Resources Board took action to designate Santa Barbara County as nonattainment-transitional for the state ozone standards, based on the three-year data set from 2019-2021.

*Santa Barbara County Ozone Exceedance Days (2001-2023)*





## FACTORS AFFECTING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

### ***Major Initiatives***

The APCO, in the District's adopted budget, outlines major programs (initiatives), accomplishments, and goals aligned with the Strategic Plan as adopted by the District Board. This budget is available at: <https://www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-06bd-f3.pdf>.

COVID-19 Pandemic Uncertainties - Over the past three years, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an ever-changing work environment and uncertainties with how the pandemic would affect our revenue stream and work-flow operations. The District experienced limited impact to our anticipated revenue; however, the District swiftly embraced a remote workplace and meetings and was able to provide full service to our regulated sources and the public we serve. We enhanced our digital options to provide more electronic submittals of information, reducing the need for individuals to come into our office to submit permit applications. The District was fortunate to have transitioned to a paperless workplace prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which positioned the agency to respond well to remote work. As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency has successfully returned to the office with a hybrid work schedule and will continue to carry out our essential services in a safe and effective manner.

Pass-Through Grant Fund Revenues - The state Legislature, through the budget adoption process, continues to place a strong emphasis on the use of funding for voluntary emission reduction programs through the network of local air districts. This action resulted in a total of over \$3 million of new money for Santa Barbara County projects in FY 2023-24, approximately \$2.3 million less than the prior fiscal year. These funds are being used to continue expanding the reach of the grant programs that were initiated in FY 2018-19, including the Carl Moyer, Community Air Protection, FARMER, Electrified Landscaping Equipment and Wood Smoke Changeout programs. The grant funds help local business and organizations clean up technologies to secure immediate emission reductions. Project categories include agricultural equipment, marine vessels, school and transit buses, old passenger cars and trucks, and electric vehicle infrastructure. Throughout FY 2023-24, these one-time revenue sources provided \$327,186 in administrative funds to implement the grant programs. A portion of these administrative funds will be used for grant administration for future years.

Included in Governor Newsom's proposed budget for the state of California, was the reauthorization of the Carl Moyer Program and the \$2 DMV revenue beyond the current December 30, 2023 sunset date. The District worked closely with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association to secure reauthorization of these effective emission reduction grant programs in the 2023 Legislative Session.

Fee Revenues - The District has not proposed an increase in the Rule 210 fee schedule for regulated sources since 1991 other than the annual adjustment for Consumer Price Index (CPI) change allowed in our rules, which, for FY 2023-24, is 7.7%. While the CPI applied in FY 2023-24



budget was larger than previous years, it was offset by a reduction in fee revenue due to the changing landscape of some of the District's larger sources.

One-Time Expenditures included in this year's budget - Last year, the District had budgeted to use a portion of fund balance to remodel the newly purchased office building in northern Santa Barbara County for our north county staff. With the anticipation of demolition and building renovations, \$1,600,000 was allocated in FY 2022-23; however, only approximately \$225,000 was spent for building design and demolition by the end of June 2023. The leftover renovation budget of \$1,375,000 was rolled over into FY 2023-24, along with another \$625,000 to fully renovate the space and bring it up to the District's standards. When the office building is fully renovated, it will house the District's north county fleet and it will offer a fully equipped monitoring lab for staff as well as a space for the District to hold public workshops. The plan for the renovation includes resiliency for the District's IT/air monitoring networks as well as sustainable building practices, with a goal of being a net-zero energy-efficient building. Fund balance reserves were proposed for this project with the idea that in future years the District will replenish the monies to levels appropriate for the District's size.

### **Revenue Summary**

The District is financed primarily through fees paid by regulated businesses, motor vehicle registration fees, and federal and state grants.

The Long-Range Fiscal Plan forecasted that overall fee revenue would decrease substantially for several years, and indeed, sizable revenue reductions occurred shortly after they were predicted. The fee revenue outlook has stabilized and while it is predicted revenues will grow, it is predicted that they will grow less than the CPI. The lag behind the CPI is due to positive emission reductions from new, cleaner, emission sources replacing the withdrawal of older, less efficient sources.

Detailed charts of fee and expenditure trends along with other demographic information can be found in the statistical section of this report.

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### ***Internal Accounting Control Policy***

District management is responsible for establishing, maintaining and evaluating the District's accounting system with an emphasis on the adequacy of an internal control structure. The internal accounting controls are designed to ensure that the assets of the government are protected against loss, theft or misuse; to ensure the reliability of adequate accounting data for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); and, to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the costs of control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived from it and that the evaluation of costs and benefits require estimates and judgment be made by management.

The District's internal control evaluations occur within the above framework which ensures adequate safeguard of the District's assets and reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

### ***Budgetary Policy***

The District maintains budgetary controls through both signature authority and automated budget checking. The objective of these controls is to ensure compliance with the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board. The accounting principles applied in developing budgetary expenditures match GAAP and the amounts reported on the financial statements. As reflected in the statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the District continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management.

## **LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING**

The highest hurdle to the District's long-term financial success is the changing landscape with respect to regulatory sources and the associated revenue they provide. If any large regulated sources close their doors because of a downturn in the economy, it could cause a financial burden to the District due to a reduced revenue stream.

## RELEVANT FINANCIAL POLICIES

### **Cash Management**

The County of Santa Barbara provides treasury management services to the District. Cash resources of the District are invested as part of Santa Barbara County's Pooled Investment Portfolio. The County investment policy authorizes investments in United States treasury bills, bonds and notes, obligations issued by agencies of the United States Government, bankers acceptances, commercial paper, medium term notes, certificates of deposit, and the State's Local Agency Investment Fund. The fair market value of District's portfolio at June 30, 2024 is \$11,754,946 (see Note III of the basic financial statements).

### **Risk Management**

The District manages its risks of property and liability losses through commercial insurance. Commercial insurance coverages are obtained with assistance from a brokerage firm, Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. The District maintains all risk property coverage with replacement cost valuation for pooled insurable values of approximately \$1,000,000,000 with a deductible of \$10,000.

Loss control activities are managed by the District's staff assigned to risk management activities. Staff performs loss prevention inspections and employee safety training to minimize potential human and property losses, and establish compliance with Cal/OSHA regulations.

### **Acknowledgments**

The preparation of this ACFR is the result of a coordinated effort by the entire District staff. We would like to acknowledge the special efforts of the Fiscal Section and our independent auditors, Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP.

Recognition is also given to the Board for its leadership and support and to all employees of the District who continue to embrace innovation and improve operations to accomplish the District mission of protecting public health.

Respectfully Submitted,



Aeron Arlin Genet  
Air Pollution Control Officer



Kristina Aguilar, CPA  
Administrative Division Manager

# FINANCIAL SECTION

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT



BARTLETT, PRINGLE & WOLF, LLP  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Board of Directors of  
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District:**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (The District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District as of June 30, 2024, 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.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

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

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 21 through 33, the General Fund - Budgetary Comparison Schedule on pages 69 and 70, the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 71, the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System Schedule of the District's Pension Contributions on page 71, and the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System Schedule of the District's Changes in the Net OPEB Asset (Liability) and Related Ratios on page 72 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management

and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2025 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP*

January 7, 2025  
Santa Barbara, California

## MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### ***(Unaudited) As of June 30, 2024***

The information in this section is not covered by the Independent Auditors’ report, but is presented as required supplementary information for the benefit of the readers of the annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR).

As management of the Air Pollution Control District of the County of Santa Barbara, California (the District), we offer readers of the District’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year (FY) ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the District’s basic financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### ***New Significant Accounting Standards Implemented***

For the year ended June 30, 2023, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96: *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* was effective for the District. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the financial statements as all the arrangements were deemed short-term in nature.

#### **Future Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements listed below will be implemented in future financial statements. These statements will be evaluated by the District to determine if they will have a material impact to the financial statements once effective.

Statement No. 101	<i>"Compensated Absences"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. (FY 24/25)
Statement No. 102	<i>"Certain Risk Disclosures"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024. (FY 24/25)
Statement No. 103	<i>"Financial Reporting Model Improvements"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)
Statement No. 104	<i>"Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)



### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

The assets and deferred outflows of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$9,312,598 (*net position*):

- \$3,942,648 represents the District's investment in capital assets, less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets (*net investment in capital assets*).
- \$6,370,021 represents restricted net position, which exists when there are limitations imposed on its use primarily through either legislation or external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of the government.
- (\$1,000,071) represents (*unrestricted*) net position, which may be used to finance the District's day-to-day operations without constraints established by legal requirements. This consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."
- The District's total net position increased by \$3,602,052 or 63.1% over the prior year:
- A \$1,901,635 increase in net position net investment in capital assets, represents capital purchases less depreciation plus the retirement of any related long-term debt. See further discussion of capital assets and right-to-use leased assets in Note V.
- A \$901,468 increase in restricted net position represents additional funding sources with restrictions. See further discussion of restrictions in Note XIV.
- A \$798,949 increase in unrestricted net position is the change in resources available to fund District programs and obligations.

### **Financial Analysis of the District's General Fund**

As of the close of the fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$11,701,655. This amount represents entirely the amount of the General Fund and an increase of (9.7%), or \$1,031,602 from the prior year. Of that amount, approximately 99.9% or \$11,687,169 is available for spending, but bound by various levels of constraints that control the purposes for which specific amounts can be spent.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

The District's investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt) increased \$1,901,635 (or 93.2%) to \$3,942,648. During the fiscal year, the District continued improving/remodeling of the North County property. Additionally four pieces of equipment were purchased. The District disposed of two fully-depreciated pieces of equipment. The District recorded depreciation of \$231,725 against its assets.

## OVERVIEW OF THE BASIC 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 have two components:

- 1) Combined Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements, with GASB 34 adjustments
- 2) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

### ***Government-wide Financial Statements***

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

The *Statement of Net Position* reports all deferred outflows and assets held, as well as deferred inflows and liabilities owed by the District, on a full accrual basis. The difference between the two is reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* reports the most recent fiscal year changes to the District's net position, also on a full accrual basis. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The focus of the Statement of Activities is on the cost of various work program activities performed by the District. As a single purpose entity the statement begins, and only contains, a single column that identifies the activities of the District and can be called general revenues and expenditures. Revenues are provided before the costs that are then netted against them. The difference between the expenses and the revenues represents the draw from, or contribution to net position. The District's government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 35 and 37, and combined with the fund financial statements.

### ***Fund Financial Statements***

Unlike government-wide financial statements, the focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the District rather than the District as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. As a single purpose entity, the District only utilizes governmental funds to account for its activities.

#### *Governmental Funds*

Governmental funds account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year.

### Governmental Funds (Continued)

Such information is useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. The governmental funds' focus is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements. To understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements.

The reconciliations of the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances to the government-wide financial statements facilitate the comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Pages 35 and 37 of this report display the governmental funds financial statements.

The reconciliation between the *total fund balances* and *net position* can be found on page 36 and the reconciliation of the *total change in fund balances* for all governmental funds to the *change in net position* can be found on page 38.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its operating fund. The budget and actual comparison statement provided for the General Fund, found on page 69 under the *required supplementary information* section, demonstrates performance against the budget.

### **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

The notes to the basic financial statements, starting on page 39, provide additional information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, the District's total assets of \$19,730,849 and deferred outflows of \$3,141,381 was more than the total of liabilities of \$12,324,241 and deferred inflows of \$1,235,391 by \$9,312,598.

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### ***Analysis of Net Position***

The District's total net position increased by \$3,602,052 or 63.1% during the fiscal year. As described below, the District experienced an increase in the invested in capital assets, net of related debt category, an increase in restricted net position, and an increase in the unrestricted category.

A summary of net position is as follows:

#### SUMMARY OF NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Changes	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	Dollar	Percent
Current and other assets	\$ 13,809,243	\$ 12,565,822	\$ 1,243,421	9.9%
Net capital assets	5,921,606	4,105,943	1,815,663	44.2%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>19,730,849</b>	<b>16,671,765</b>	<b>3,059,084</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
Deferred outflows of resources	3,141,381	3,085,989	55,392	1.8%
Current and other liabilities	1,645,337	1,661,555	(16,218)	-1.0%
Lease liability	1,881,779	1,971,222	(89,443)	-4.5%
Net pension liability	8,797,125	8,704,513	92,612	1.1%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>12,324,241</b>	<b>12,337,290</b>	<b>(13,049)</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
Deferred inflows of resources	1,235,391	1,709,918	(474,527)	-27.8%
<b>Net Position:</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	3,942,648	2,041,013	1,901,635	93.2%
Restricted	6,370,021	5,468,553	901,468	16.5%
Unrestricted	(1,000,071)	(1,799,020)	798,949	-44.4%
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 9,312,598</b>	<b>\$ 5,710,546</b>	<b>\$ 3,602,052</b>	<b>63.1%</b>

The components of total net position are as follows:

#### *Net Investment in Capital Assets*

Net investment in capital represents the investment in capital assets (e.g. furniture, vehicles, machinery, and equipment), less outstanding debt used to acquire those assets and depreciation, at June 30, 2024 and comprises \$3,942,648 of the District's net position. Debt related to capital leases disclosed within Note VI represents the only related debt outstanding. The District uses these capital assets in carrying out its mission of protecting public health. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay any debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate such liabilities. The District's investment in capital assets includes large furniture purchases for the two offices, improvements, vehicles, equipment for air monitoring, testing, and data collection, along with a right-to-use leased asset.

The increase in net position that is net investment in capital assets of \$1,901,635 represents capital acquisitions, less current year depreciation and dispositions and related changes in capital lease debt.

### Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position of \$6,370,021 represents funds received from grantors that have yet to be expended. The details of the external grantor restricting these funds is detailed out within Note XIV. Restricted net position increased \$901,468, or 16.5% from the previous year from \$5,468,553. This increase is attributable to timing as grantees had not yet fully satisfied all criterion in order to receive funding, thus leaving these funds restricted at year-end.

### Unrestricted Net Position

The remaining (\$1,000,071) component of the District's net position is unrestricted and represents a deficit attributable to the reflection of the District net pension liability. Some of the revenue sources, such as DMV fees, restrict expenditures for specific purposes, but do not require that they be returned if unspent in the current year. They may be used to meet the District's ongoing programs associated with them. Other revenues are discretionary and may be used for any ongoing obligations in carrying out day-to-day operations.

Unrestricted net position increased \$798,949 or 44.4% from the previous year from (\$1,799,020) to (\$1,000,071). As of June 30, 2015 the District had to report its portion of the net pension liability within the Santa Barbara County Retirement System. As of June 30, 2018, the District reported its portion of the net OPEB asset (liability) within the Santa Barbara County Retirement System.

It is the District's policy to first apply restricted resources when expenses are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

### ***Analysis of Governmental Activities***

The Statement of Activities for the District presents its governmental activities, its sole purpose. Governmental functions of the District are predominantly supported by fees, grants, state subvention, late payment penalties, and penalty settlements.

The primary governmental activities of the District include the following: advance clean air technology, ensure compliance with clean air rules, customer service, develop programs to achieve clean air, develop rules to achieve clean air, monitoring air quality, permit issuance review, and policy support, as well as special programs, whose funding have specific mandates.

The following table shows the revenue, expenses, and changes in net position:

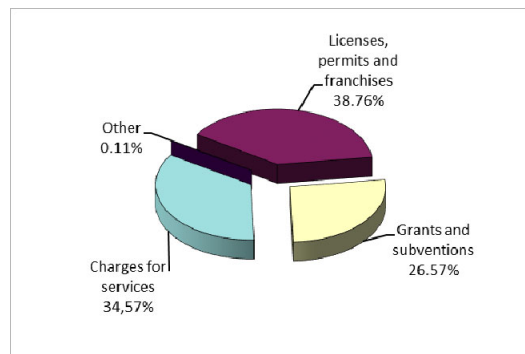
### CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Changes	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	Dollar	Percent
<b>Operating revenues:</b>				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	\$ 5,407,069	\$ 3,697,722	\$ 1,709,347	46.2%
Grants and subventions	3,706,675	3,669,869	36,806	1.0%
Charges for services	4,822,656	5,905,250	(1,082,594)	-18.3%
Other	15,282	11,177	4,105	36.7%
Total operating revenues	13,951,682	13,284,018	667,664	5.0%
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Air pollution control services:				
Salaries and benefits	5,612,382	4,740,737	871,645	18.4%
Services and supplies	4,920,903	3,367,882	1,553,021	46.1%
Other Expenses	207,410	182,972	24,438	13.4%
Depreciation	231,725	226,962	4,763	2.1%
Amortization	118,901	118,554	347	0.3%
Total operating expenses	11,091,321	8,637,107	2,453,867	28.4%
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	2,860,361	4,646,911	(1,786,203)	-38.4%
<b>Non-operating revenues (expenses):</b>				
Use of money and property	279,119	162,918	116,201	71.3%
Interest expense	(65,542)	(68,264)	2,722	-4.0%
Investment income (loss)	528,114	(375,370)	903,484	-240.7%
Total non-operating revenue (expense)	741,691	(280,716)	1,022,407	-364.2%
Change in net position	3,602,052	4,366,195	1,431,460	32.8%
<b>Net Position:</b>				
Net position - beginning	5,710,546	1,344,351	4,366,195	324.8%
Net position - ending	\$ 9,312,598	\$ 5,710,546	2,579,992	45.2%

#### Operating revenues

Operating revenues for the District’s governmental activities had an overall increase of 5.0% from the prior year. All of the operating revenues of the District were for air pollution control services and total \$13,951,682 for the year ending June 30, 2024 and \$13,284,018 for the year ending June 30, 2023. The chart to the right provides District revenues by object level as of June 30, 2024.

For the year ending June 30, 2024, 75.9% or \$10,593,808 of District revenues are fee-based, and a chart and table on page 76 of the Statistical Section provide a breakdown of those fees. It is important to note that DMV automobile registration fees of \$2,302,377 are included in the grants and subventions object level, and all of the other fees are included in either the licenses, permits, and franchises;



or, charges for services object level of the Statement of Activities. The remaining revenue of \$3,357,874, which is not fee-based, includes penalty settlements, State subvention, Federal EPA grants, and revenue from other governmental agencies.

Grants and subventions increased \$36,806 or 1.0% primarily due to an increase in state grant funding of \$29,557.

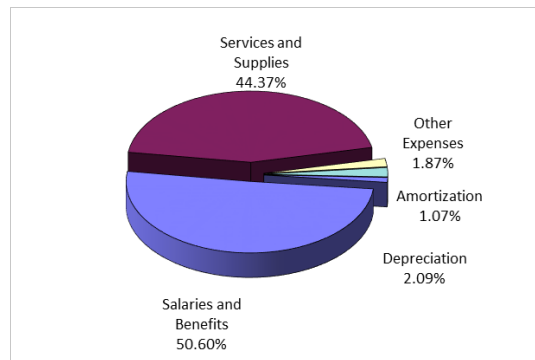
Charges for services decreased \$1,082,594 or 18.3% primarily due to decreased funding from CARB grant programs.

Licenses and permits increased \$1,709,347 or 46.2% primarily due to notice of violations being greater than budgeted forecasts.

Operating expenses

All of the expenses of the District were for air pollution control services and total \$11,091,321 for the year ending June 30, 2024 and \$8,637,107 for the year ending June 30, 2023. The chart to the right provides the District expenses by object level as of June 30, 2023.

Salaries and benefits comprise 50.60% of the District’s expenses at \$5,612,382. Salaries and benefits increased \$871,645 or 18.4% from \$4,740,737 for the year ending June 30, 2023.



Services and supplies comprise the second largest portion of the District’s expenses at 44.37% or \$4,920,903. Services and supplies increased \$1,553,021 or 46.1% primarily due to more grantees within the Grants Program satisfying all criterion for grant fund payments prior to year-end.

Other expenses increased \$24,438 or 13.4% due to use of money and property.

Non-operating revenues (expenses)

During the current fiscal year, funds held within the investment pool experienced gains of \$528,114.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT’S FUNDS**

The District uses fund accounting to demonstrate compliance with finance related legal 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, the governmental fund balance is a useful measure of a government’s resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the fiscal year, the District’s governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$11,701,655 an increase of \$1,031,602 (or 9.7%) in comparison with the prior year.

### General Fund

The General Fund is the operating fund of the District, and as a single purpose entity, is the only fund type reported. One measure of the General Fund's liquidity is the comparison of spendable fund balance to total fund balance, which is 99.9%.

One measure of the General Fund's financial health is the comparison of spendable fund balance to operating expenditures, which is 85.1%. Spendable General Fund balance may also serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The components of total fund balance are as follows:

### Nonspendable

The \$14,486, acquired through employee medical spending forfeitures, is in the form of long term employee loans not to exceed \$2,500 per loan under the District's employee computer automation program, assisting employees in acquiring and sharpening computer literacy skills by providing interest free loans to acquire personal computer equipment and software similar to what employees may be asked to use for District business.

### Restricted

Of the \$6,370,021, \$2,036,532 and \$136,075 is restricted to the DMV \$2 program and DMV \$4 program, respectively. Additionally, \$4,338,466 is restricted to the grants program, both as part of legislation with very restrictive spending limitations. Finally, (\$141,052) is restricted to unrealized losses from GASB fair-market value adjustments.

### Committed

Of the \$5,317,148, \$550 is in the form of imprest, or petty, cash and is kept on hand, as opposed to in the bank. \$481,807 is committed to monitoring activities, \$310,305 to data acquisition system activities, and \$500,000 to replace furniture, equipment, and vehicles. \$1,500,000 is a strategic reserve to match 15% of revenues in an effort to provide in case of large emergencies or contingencies. \$681,729 is committed for clean air projects and is funded by excess notice of violation revenue. \$100,000 is committed to the Re-evaluation Cycle revenue stabilization policy in an effort to provide fiscal stability for re-evaluation revenue that fluctuates in three-year cycles. \$1,261,857 is committed to operational activities for fiscal prudence in managing the budgetary condition of the District, and \$480,900 is committed to fund the District's retiree health subsidy. The District was notified during the year ending June 30, 2022 that the retiree health subsidy is now fully funded. The District will work with the Board to figure out what to do with these funds in future fiscal years. A detailed schedule of fund balances can be found in Note II of the notes of the basic financial statements.



## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### **Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets was \$3,942,648 (net of accumulated depreciation and debt of \$2,103,951) at June 30, 2024 representing an increase of \$1,901,635 (or 93.2%) over the prior year. The District's investment in capital assets includes large furniture purchases for the two offices, improvements, mostly hybrid vehicles, equipment for air monitoring, testing, and data collection, along with a right-to-use leased assets and related liabilities.

During the year ending June 30, 2024, the District continued improving/remodeling the North County property. Additionally four pieces of equipment were purchased. The District disposed of two fully-depreciated pieces of equipment. Whenever possible, the District donates old equipment to other districts, and old computers to schools. Additional information on the capital assets and right-to-use lease assets can be found in Note V, along with the related debt disclosed within Note VI, to the basic financial statements.

## DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

### **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

This classification balance, although similar to "assets," is set apart because these items do not meet the technical definition of being a District asset on the date of these financial statements. In other words, these amounts are not available to pay liabilities in the way assets are available. When all the recognition criteria are met, the deferred outflow of resources will become an expense/expenditure.

The most significant deferred outflows of resources reported are related to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 and GASB Statement No. 71 for pension liability reporting, as well as GASB Statement No. 75 for postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) reporting. Consequently, the majority of the deferred outflows of resources reported are comprised of current year contributions to the retirement system. However, there may be some deferred outflows of resources attributable to the various components that impact pension changes, and can include investment changes amortization, changes due to actuarial assumptions, and differences between expected or actual experience (see Note XI and XII for more information on deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources).

### ***Deferred Inflows of Resources***

Deferred inflows of resources are the counterpart to deferred outflows of resources on the Statement of Net Position. Deferred inflows of resources are not technically liabilities of the District as of the date of the financial statements. When all the recognition criteria are met, the deferred inflow of resources will become revenue or an increase to net position.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions represent a net amount attributable to the various components that impact pension changes, and can include investment changes amortization, changes due to actuarial assumptions, and differences between expected or actual experience (see Note XI and XII for more information on deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources).

### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

A General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule can be found on page 70 that compares fiscal year 2023-24 original budget to the adopted budget. There were no changes from the original budget to the adopted budget.

### ***Variances with Final Budgeted Amounts***

While there were no variances out of budgetary or legal compliance, this resulted in a positive variance of \$9,761,053 between the final adopted budget and actual amount. The following factors contributed to this variance.

#### **Operating revenues**

Charges for Services – Income from reimbursable services was higher than anticipated, by \$1,108,470 making up the vast majority of the favorable variance from budget to actual of \$1,523,473.

Licenses, permits and franchises – Income from notice of violations was larger than anticipated by \$1,634,147.

#### **Operating expenditures**

Services and Supplies – Expenses were \$5,744,964 lower than originally budgeted primarily due to less expenditures outside of passthrough specifically for professional services, as well as continued focus on reducing expenditures when possible.

#### **Non-operating revenues (expenditures)**

Investment income (loss) – As the funds within the investment pool are externally managed, the results of these earnings are unable to be budgeted for by the District. See Note II for further details on the investment pool.

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The following known factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for FY 2024-25.

### Revenues

- The state Legislature, through the budget adoption process, continues to place a strong emphasis on the use of funding for voluntary emission-reduction programs through the network of local air districts. This action resulted in \$2.7 million of new money for Santa Barbara County projects in FY 2024-25, approximately \$275,000 less than the prior fiscal year. These funds will be used to continue expanding the reach of the grant programs, including the Carl Moyer, Community Air Protection, FARMER, Electrified Landscaping Equipment, and Wood Smoke Reduction programs. The grant funds help local businesses and organizations take advantage of cleaner technologies to secure immediate emission reductions. Project categories include agricultural and landscape equipment, marine vessels, school and transit buses, old passenger cars and trucks, and electric vehicle infrastructure.

Efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session resulted in reauthorization of the Carl Moyer and \$2 DMV Grant Programs being extended an additional ten years beyond the previous December 30, 2023, sunset date. Throughout FY 2024-25, these one-time revenue sources will provide \$300,427 in administrative funds to implement the grant programs, a portion of these administrative funds will be used for grant administration for future years.

- In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the District conducted a Cost-Recovery and Fee Analysis Study (Fee Study) to determine the cost-recovery percentage achieved by the District using existing fees for the following stationary source programs: permitting, compliance, air quality planning, air toxics, source testing, agricultural diesel engine registration, and the Hearing Board. The purpose of this study was to review the existing fee schedule and ensure that it appropriately captures the variety of services provided by the District.

The results of the Fee Study showed that, overall, the District is only recovering 47% of its costs to implement those mandated fee-based programs. For the past 33 years, the District has deferred significant fee increases by adhering to fiscal principles that maximize efficiency and minimize costs. The District has annually adjusted fees only by applying the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and has not required across-the-board fee increases since 1991.

In October 2023, the District presented the results of the Fee Study to this Board as part of the Long-Range Fiscal Strategy 2023 – 2028 (Strategy). The Strategy included a suite of recommendations designed to provide the District with a long-term mechanism to stay fiscally sound. One of the recommendations was to adopt a Cost-Recovery Policy, which your Board formally adopted at the January 2024 meeting. Another recommendation was to revise Rule 210 to ensure better cost-recovery from the District's stationary source program and align permit fees with individual program costs.

The adopted budget for FY 2024-2025 incorporates the amendments to the fee schedule

changes in Rule 210 that were presented at your Board on March 21, 2024. On May 16, 2024, your Board consider adoption of the proposed amendments to District Rule 210. Your Board approved the Rule as presented, which means the District will increase the existing fee schedules up to 12% per year, beginning on July 1, 2024, until the schedule reaches 85% cost-recovery. In addition to the fee increase, the annual adjustment for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will also be applied in FY 2024-25. The CPI for FY 2024-25 is 4.2%, but the total increase for each schedule will be limited to 15%, as required by the Health and Safety Code.

### Expenditures

- The District negotiated a three-year agreement with the two employee bargaining units in FY 2022-23. The first year saw a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for District employees of 3.5%, which was effective August 18, 2022. The second and third years of that agreement provide District staff with a 2% COLA as of July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024.
- Last year, the District budgeted to use a portion of fund balance to remodel the newly purchased office building in northern Santa Barbara County for our north county staff. With the anticipation of demolition and building renovations, \$1.6 million was allocated in FY 2022-23; however, only approximately \$225,000 was spent for building design and demolition by the end of June 2023. The leftover renovation budget of \$1,375,000 was rolled over into the FY 2023-24 budget, along with another \$625,000 to fully renovate the space . The District published a request to bid for construction of the remodel and found that construction costs had increased significantly. To bring this remodel to completion, the District is including an additional \$1.4 million in the FY 2024-25 budget. When the office building is fully renovated, it will house the District's north county fleet and it will offer a fully equipped monitoring lab for staff, as well as a space for the District to hold public workshops. The plan for the renovation includes resiliency for the District's IT/air monitoring networks, as well as sustainable building practices, with a goal of being a net-zero energy-efficient building. Fund balance reserves were used for the majority of the project, with operating revenue being proposed for the remainder of the project. The plan in future years will be to replenish the monies used from fund balance to levels appropriate for the District's size.

## Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report should be addressed to

Air Pollution Control District  
Attn: Administrative Division Manager  
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

This report may be downloaded from the web at: <https://www.ourair.org/finance/>.



# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (1)	Statement of Net Position
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash (note III)	\$ 11,014,327	\$ --	\$ 11,014,327
Receivables:			
Accounts, net	1,023,843	--	1,023,843
Interest	81,396	--	81,396
Employee	3,006	--	3,006
Current assets	12,122,572	--	12,122,572
Net OPEB Asset (note XII)		946,052	946,052
Restricted cash and investments (note IV)	740,619	--	740,619
Capital assets, not being depreciated (note V)	--	3,307,499	3,307,499
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation (note V)	--	731,506	731,506
Right-to-use lease assets, net of accumulated amortization (note V)	--	1,882,601	1,882,601
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,863,191</b>	<b>\$ 6,867,658</b>	<b>\$ 19,730,849</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Deferred pensions (note XI)	--	3,066,872	3,066,872
Deferred OPEB (note XII)	--	74,509	74,509
<b>Total deferred outflow of resources</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3,141,381</b>	<b>3,141,381</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 173,893	\$ --	\$ 173,893
Salaries and benefits payable	247,024	--	247,024
Current portion of lease liabilities (note VI)	--	97,179	97,179
Employee compensated absences (note IX)	--	386,622	386,622
Current liabilities	420,917	483,801	904,718
Permit holders payable (note IV)	740,619	--	740,619
Long-term portion of lease liabilities (note VI)	--	1,881,779	1,881,779
Net Pension Liability (note XI)	--	8,797,125	8,797,125
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,161,536</b>	<b>\$ 11,162,705</b>	<b>12,324,241</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Deferred pensions (note XI)	--	1,235,391	1,235,391
Deferred OPEB (note XII)	--	--	--
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1,235,391</b>	<b>1,235,391</b>
<b>Fund balances/Net position:</b>			
Fund balances (note II):			
Nonspendable	14,486	(14,486)	--
Restricted	6,370,021	(6,370,021)	--
Committed	5,317,148	(5,317,148)	--
Total fund balances	11,701,655	(11,701,655)	--
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 12,863,191</b>		
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets		3,942,648	3,942,648
Restricted		6,370,021	6,370,021
Unrestricted		(1,000,071)	(1,000,071)
<b>Total net position</b>		<b>\$ 9,312,598</b>	<b>\$ 9,312,598</b>

(1) Please see the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-wide Statement of Net Position schedule on the following page.

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

## RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

*As of June 30, 2024*

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (General Fund) \$ 11,701,655

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

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, have not been included as financial resources in governmental funds activity. These capital assets are reported as an adjustment to arrive at the Statement of Net Position as capital assets of APCD as a whole.

Capital assets	\$ 8,025,557	
Accumulated depreciation	(2,103,951)	
	\$ 5,921,606	5,921,606

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension transactions are not reported in the governmental funds. 3,066,872

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB transactions are not reported in the governmental funds. 74,509

The net accrued OPEB asset is for obligations that do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as an asset in the governmental funds. 946,052

All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Position.

Current portion of lease liabilities	(97,179)	
Long-term portion of lease liabilities	(1,881,779)	
Compensated absences	(386,622)	
Net Pension Liability	(8,797,125)	

Deferred inflows of resources related to pension transactions are not reported in the governmental funds. (1,235,391)

Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB transactions are not reported in the governmental funds. -

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 9,312,598

*See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.*

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (1)	Statement of Activities
<b>Operating revenues:</b>			
Licenses, permits, and franchises	\$ 5,407,069	\$ --	\$ 5,407,069
Grants and subventions	3,706,675	--	3,706,675
Charges for services	4,822,656	--	4,822,656
Other	15,282	--	15,282
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>13,951,682</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>13,951,682</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Salaries and benefits	6,281,197	(668,815)	5,612,382
Services and supplies	5,080,007	(159,104)	4,920,903
Other expenses	205,665	1,745	207,410
Depreciation	--	231,725	231,725
Amortization	--	118,901	118,901
Capital outlay	2,160,444	(2,160,444)	--
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>13,727,313</b>	<b>(2,635,992)</b>	<b>11,091,321</b>
Operating income (loss)	224,369	2,635,992	2,860,361
<b>Non-operating revenues (expenses):</b>			
Use of money and property	279,119	--	279,119
Interest expense	--	(65,542)	(65,542)
Investment income (loss)	528,114	--	528,114
<b>Total non-operating revenue (expense)</b>	<b>807,233</b>	<b>(65,542)</b>	<b>741,691</b>
Change in fund balance/net position	<b>1,031,602</b>	<b>2,570,450</b>	<b>3,602,052</b>
<b>Fund balances/net position:</b>			
Net position - beginning	10,670,053	(4,959,507)	5,710,546
<b>Net position - ending</b>	<b>\$ 11,701,655</b>	<b>\$ (2,389,057)</b>	<b>\$ 9,312,598</b>

(1) Please see the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Government-wide Statement of Activities schedule on the following page.

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.



RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO  
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

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Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (General Fund)	\$ 1,031,602
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In turn, in the Government-wide Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Therefore, depreciation must be added, and capital outlays must be removed.

Depreciation	\$ (231,725)	
Capital outlay	<u>2,160,444</u>	
	<u>\$ 1,928,719</u>	1,928,719

The following transactions relating to lease liabilities are not reported in the governmental funds.

Amortization expense		(118,901)
Interest expense		(65,542)
Payments for right-to-use leased assets		159,104
Other expenses		(1,745)

Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) and pension expenses were reported in the Government-wide Statement of Activities, but because they do not require the use of current financial resources, the increase or decrease in the net OPEB asset and net pension liability were not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.

OPEB credit		167,024
Net pension expense		507,224

Compensated absences is reported in the Government-wide Statement of Activities but it does not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, it is not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

(5,433)

Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 3,602,052</u>
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*See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.*

# NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of June 30, 2024

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## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. The Reporting Entity

The Air Pollution Control District (the District) of the County of Santa Barbara was formed by Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Resolution 70-581 in 1970. The District Board of Directors (Board) includes the five members of the County Board of Supervisors and one representative from each of the County's eight cities. The Board is the governing body of the District and is responsible for its legislative and executive control. The District was established pursuant to Section 40000 et seq. of the State of California Health and Safety Code. The District acts as a legal entity, separate and distinct from the County of Santa Barbara. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the accompanying basic financial statements present the activities of the District for which the District is considered to be financially accountable.

### B. New Accounting Pronouncements

#### ***Future Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements***

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements listed below will be implemented in future financial statements. These statements will be evaluated by the District to determine if they will have a material impact to the financial statements once effective.

Statement No. 101	<i>"Compensated Absences"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. (FY 24/25)
Statement No. 102	<i>"Certain Risk Disclosures"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024. (FY 24/25)
Statement No. 103	<i>"Financial Reporting Model Improvements"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)
Statement No. 104	<i>"Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets"</i>	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)

## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

### C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental funds financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District in general considers revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for un-matured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when payment is due.

For the governmental funds financial statements, the District considers all revenues susceptible to accrual and recognizes revenue if the accrual criteria are met. Specifically, licenses, permits, franchises, interest (use of money and property), charges for services, and other miscellaneous revenue are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenue in the current fiscal period.

Expenditure-driven grant revenue is recognized when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met. Grant revenue is recorded at the time of receipt or earlier, if the susceptible-to-accrual criteria are met.

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements. The District is a special-purpose government engaged in a single governmental program, and is presented accordingly in the basic financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the District except those required to be accounted for in other specialized funds.

## **I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**

### **C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation – Continued**

The basic financial statements of the District are composed of the following.

- Combined Government-wide and Governmental Fund financial statements.
- Reconciliations between the Government-wide and Governmental Fund financial statements.
- Notes to the basic financial statements.

### **D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity**

#### **1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and investments held by the County Treasurer in a cash management investment pool (pool).

The pool is not registered as an investment company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor is it an SEC Rule 2a7-like pool. California Government Code statutes and the County Treasury Oversight Committee set forth the various investment policies that the County Treasurer must follow.

State statutes and the County's investment policy authorize the County Treasurer to invest in U.S. Government Treasury and Agency Securities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, corporate bonds and notes, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, investments held by the County Treasurer are stated at fair value. The fair value of pooled investments is determined quarterly and is based on current market prices received from the securities custodian. The fair value of participants' position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. The method used to determine the value of participants' equity withdrawn is based on the book value of the participants' percentage participation at the date of such withdrawal. LAIF is required to invest in accordance with State statutes. The Local Investment Advisory Board (LAIF Board) has oversight responsibility for LAIF. The LAIF Board consists of five members as designated by State Statute (see Note III).

#### **2. Restricted Cash and Investments**

Restricted cash and investments reflect cash received from District permit holders. These deposits are held until completion of permit holders' projects (see Note IV).

## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

### D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – Continued

#### 3. Accounts Receivables and Payables

The District only accrues revenues quarterly and at fiscal year-end. Included are revenues from permits, of which a portion may not be collectible; as such the District has an allowance of \$4,000 for uncollectible accounts, and accounts receivable is reported net. All accounts receivable are expected to be collected within one year. Interest receivable represents the last quarter of interest that has been earned, but not distributed as of the close of the fiscal year.

Employee receivables represent loans to assist employees in acquiring personal computer equipment and software similar to what employees may be asked to use for District business. Funding for these loans is provided from employee medical spending account forfeitures.

The District only accrues expenditures at fiscal year-end. Accrued expenses and salaries and benefits payable are for goods and services paid during the fiscal year, but will not clear the bank until after June 30, 2024. In addition, the district has a payable for deposits by permit holders (see Note IV).

#### 4. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 63, *“Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position,”* and GASB Statement No. 65, *“Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities,”* the District recognizes deferred outflows and inflows of resources.

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. A deferred outflow of resources is defined as a consumption of net position by the District that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District has two items which qualify for reporting in this category; refer to Note XI and Note XII for detailed listings of the deferred outflows of resources the District has recognized.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. A deferred inflow of resources is defined as an acquisition of net position by the District that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District has two items which qualify for reporting in this category; refer to Note XI and Note XII for detailed listings of the deferred inflows of resources the District has recognized.

**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**

**D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – Continued**

**5. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Equipment and furniture are valued at cost unless obtained by donation in which case the assets are recorded at the appraised value at the date of receipt. The capitalization thresholds are \$5,000 for equipment and \$25,000 for buildings and improvements (see Note V). Repair and maintenance costs are charged to current expenditures as incurred. Equipment disposed of or no longer required for its existing use is removed from the records at actual or estimated cost.

Depreciation is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the respective balance sheet. Property, plant, and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Equipment:	
Automobiles and light trucks	5 to 10
General machinery and equipment	5 to 20
Furniture	7
Leasehold Improvements	20
Software	3

Capital assets that are under construction or development and have not been placed into service are put into construction in progress and are presented as capital assets not being depreciated on the Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position.

**6. Right-to-use Lease Assets**

Right-to-use lease assets are recorded at the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liabilities and modified by any lease payment made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term along with any initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the lease assets into service.

Right-to-use lease assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life on the underlying asset, unless the lease contains a purchase option that the District has determined is reasonably certain of being exercised.

## **I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**

### **D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – Continued**

#### **7. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. See Note VI for further disclosure.

#### **8. Employee Compensated Absences**

Regular full-time employees accumulate vacation time, sick leave, compensatory time, and other leave time. Certain restrictions apply with respect to the accumulation of leave time and its payment at termination. All vacation, sick leave, compensatory time, and other leave time are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of an employee retirement (see Note VIII).

#### **9. Pensions**

In government-wide financial statements, retirement plans (pensions) are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note XI and the required supplementary information (RSI) section immediately following the Notes to Financial Statements), regardless of the amount recognized as pension expenditures on the governmental fund statements, which use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

In general, the District recognizes a net pension liability, which represents the District's proportionate share of the excess of the total pension liability over the fiduciary net position of the pension reflected in the actuarial report provided by the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS). The net pension liability is measured as of the District's prior fiscal year-end. Changes in the net pension liability are recorded, in the period incurred, as pension expense or as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources depending on the nature of the change. The changes in net pension liability that are recorded as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources (that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience) are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective pension plan and are recorded as a component of pension expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred.

**I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**

**D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – Continued**

**9. Pensions - Continued**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows or resources relating to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District’s pension plan with SBCERS and additions to/deductions from the plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SBCERS.

For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefits terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Projected earnings on pension investments are recognized as a component of pension expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources and amortized as a component of pension expense on a closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred. Each subsequent year will incorporate an additional closed basis five-year period of recognition.

**10. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)**

In government-wide financial statements, postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) are required to be recognized and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note XII and the required supplementary information (RSI) section immediately following the Notes to Financial Statements), regardless of the amount recognized as OPEB expenditures on the governmental fund statements, which use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

In general, the District recognizes a net OPEB asset (liability), which represents the District’s proportionate share of the excess of the total OPEB liability over the fiduciary net position of the OPEB reflected in the actuarial report provided by the Santa Barbara County Employees’ Retirement System (SBCERS). The net OPEB asset (liability) is measured as of the District’s prior fiscal year-end. Changes in the net OPEB asset (liability) are recorded, in the period incurred, as OPEB expense or as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources depending on the nature of the change. The changes in net OPEB asset (liability) that are recorded as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources (that arise from changes in actuarial assumptions or other inputs and differences between expected or actual experience) are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective OPEB plan and are recorded as a component of OPEB expense beginning with the period in which they are incurred.



## I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

### D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Equity – Continued

#### 10. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) - Continued

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB asset (liability), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (SBCERS) Plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Projected earnings on OPEB investments are recognized as a component of OPEB expense. Differences between projected and actual investment earnings are reported as deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources and amortized as a component of OPEB expense on a closed basis over a five-year period beginning with the period in which the difference occurred. Each subsequent year will incorporate an additional closed basis five-year period of recognition.

#### 11. Fund Equity (Fund Balances)

Portions of fund balances are nonspendable and are therefore, not available for appropriation. Spendable fund balances in the General Fund are classified based on the relative strength of the constraints that control the purposes for which the amounts can be spent (see Note II).

#### 12. Use of Estimates

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

## II. FUND BALANCES

As of June 30, 2024, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

*Nonspendable*: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**II. FUND BALANCES - Continued**

*Restricted:* amounts that are constrained for a specific purpose through restrictions of external parties (i.e. creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments), or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Committed:* amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District Board. The District Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the District Board.

*Assigned:* amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes, as expressed by (a) the Board itself or (b) a body (e.g. budget or finance committee) or the APCO to which the Board has delegated the authority to assign the amounts.

*Unassigned:* all other spendable amounts.

As of June 30, 2024, fund balances are composed of the following:

**Nonspendable:**

Employee loans - computer automation program	\$ 14,486
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**Restricted for:**

DMV \$2 Grants	2,036,532
Carl Moyer Grants	4,338,466
DMV \$4 Programs	136,075
Unrealized Losses (GASB 31 FMV Adjustment)	(141,052)

**Committed to:**

Imprest cash	\$ 550
ITG Projects	-
Capital Replacement	500,000
Data Acquisition System	310,305
Strategic Reserve	1,500,000
Retiree Health Subsidy	480,900
Monitoring	481,807
SEP	681,729
Reevaluation Cycle	100,000
Operational Activities	1,261,857
Total fund balances	<u><u>\$ 11,701,655</u></u>

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

### **III. CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and investments include the cash balances of the District's General Fund and Trust Fund, which are consolidated and invested by the County Treasurer (Treasurer) in a cash management investment pool (pool), for the purpose of increasing interest earnings through investment activities. The pool is not registered as an investment company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) nor is it an SEC Rule 2a7-like pool. Interest earned on pooled investments is apportioned quarterly to District's participating funds based upon each fund's average daily deposit balance.

California Government Code statutes and the County Treasury Oversight Committee set forth the various investment policies that the County Treasurer must follow. These pooled funds are reported at fair market value.

All investors in the Pool proportionately share any gains or losses. Credit and market risk is unknown for the District's Pool share. The fair value of the Pool is based on the value of the Pool shares.

The Treasurer participates in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Investments in the LAIF are governed by State statutes and overseen by a five-member Local Investment Advisory Board.

The District has not provided nor obtained any legally binding guarantees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 to support the value of shares in the pool.

Additional information and separately issued financial statements of the County of Santa Barbara can be obtained from the Santa Barbara County Auditor-Controller, PO Box 39, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0039.

#### **A. Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits**

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. This risk is mitigated in that the District's bank deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The remaining balance on deposit is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent. Per Government Code Section 53652, the depository is required to maintain a market value of at least 110% of the pledged collateral.

#### **B. Investments**

The District is a voluntary participant in the Treasurer's investment pool that is regulated by the California Government Code under oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California.

### III. CASH AND INVESTMENTS – Continued

#### B. Investments – Continued

Pursuant to Section 53646 of the State of California Government Code the Treasurer prepares an *Investment Policy Statement (Policy)* annually, presents it to the Treasury Oversight Committee for review and to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

After approval, the Policy is forwarded to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission.

The Policy provides the basis for the management of a prudent, conservative investment program. Public funds are invested to provide the maximum security of principal with secondary emphasis on achieving the highest return, while meeting daily cash flow needs. All investments are made in accordance with the California Government Code and, in general, the Treasurer’s policy is more restrictive than State law.

Types of securities in which the Treasurer may invest include U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities; State and/or local agency bonds, notes, warrants or certificates of indebtedness; bankers' acceptances; commercial paper; corporate bonds and notes; negotiable certificates of deposit; repurchase agreements; reverse repurchase agreements; securities lending; bank deposits; money market mutual funds; the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF); and the Investment Trust of California (CalTRUST).

#### 1. Credit Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The Treasurer mitigates these risks by holding a diversified portfolio of high-quality investments.

The Policy sets specific parameters on the credit quality of investment purchases. Securities issued and fully guaranteed as to payment by an agency or government sponsored enterprise of the U.S. Government be rated AAA by at least two of the three major rating services, i.e. Fitch, Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s (S&P). Commercial paper obligations and negotiable certificates of deposit shall be rated by at least two of the three major rating services at a minimum of F1 by Fitch, P-1 by Moody’s and A-1 by S&P. Corporate notes, with a maturity greater than three years, shall be rated AA by at least two of the three major rating services. Corporate notes, with a maturity of three years or less, shall be rated AA- by at least two of the three major ratings services. Corporate Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (TLGP) notes shall be rated AAA by one of the three major ratings services.

### III. CASH AND INVESTMENTS – Continued

#### B. Investments – Continued

At the time of purchase, the Treasurer’s investment policy dictates that no more than 5% of the total portfolio be invested in the securities of any single issuer, other than the U.S. Government, its agencies, and sponsored enterprises. As of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the pooled investments did not exceed the 5% limit. The following is a summary of the credit quality distribution by investment type at June 30, 2024:

Investment Type	Total	% of Portfolio	Exempt from Disclosure	Minimum Legal Rating
Cash equivalents and investments in County Investment Pool	\$ 11,754,396	100%	\$ -	Not Rated
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 11,754,396</u>		<u>\$ -</u>	

#### 2. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that the District will not be able to recover the value of investment securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All securities owned by the Treasurer, on the District’s behalf, are deposited in trust for safekeeping with a custodial bank different from the Treasurer’s primary bank. Securities are not held in broker accounts.

#### 3. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The County Treasurer mitigates this risk by making longer-term investments only with funds that are not needed for current cash flow purposes and holding these securities to maturity.

The maturity of investments purchased is governed by a demand for funds analysis of prior periods’ revenues and expenditures, and is also determined by current cash flow demands assessed on an ongoing basis. The Treasurer’s Investment Policy also dictates that the final maturity date of any individual security shall not exceed five years and that long-term investments, in the aggregate, shall not exceed 75% of the portfolio.

The fair value of investments generally changes with the fluctuations of interest rates. In a rising interest rate market, the fair value of investments could decline below original cost; conversely, when interest rates decline, the fair value of investments increases. The Treasurer believes liquidity in the portfolio is sufficient to meet cash flow needs and to preclude the Treasurer from having to sell investments below original cost.

### III. CASH AND INVESTMENTS – Continued

#### B. Investments – Continued

The Treasurer may purchase securities at a discount from face value to earn higher than nominal rates of return. Under GASB 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, such discount, when realized, is considered gain rather than interest.

The calculation of realized gains and losses is independent of a calculation of the net change in the fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year were included as a change in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year(s).

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the District’s investment to market interest rate fluctuation is provided by the following table that shows the average maturity date of each investment.

	Total	Remaining Maturity 12 Months or Less
Cash equivalents and investments in County Investment Pool	\$ 11,754,396	\$ 11,754,396
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 11,754,396</u>	<u>\$ 11,754,396</u>

#### C. Cash and Investments Held by the Treasurer

The following is a summary of investments held by the Treasurer, on behalf of the District, as of June 30, 2024:

Statement of net position:	
Cash and investments	\$ 11,754,946
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 11,754,946</u>

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2024 consists of the following:

Cash on hand	\$ 550
Cash equivalents and investments in County Investment Pool	11,754,396
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 11,754,946</u>

The portion of cash and investments as of June 30, 2024, that is restricted is as follows:

Total unrestricted cash and investments	\$ 11,014,327
Restricted cash and investments (note IV)	740,619
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 11,754,946</u>

#### IV. RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS AND PERMIT HOLDERS PAYABLE

Cash and investments at June 30, 2024 that are restricted by legal or contractual requirements are listed in the following table. An offsetting permit holder's payable has also been recorded at an equivalent amount.

General Fund	
Permit holder deposits	\$ 740,619
Total restricted cash and investments	<u>\$ 740,619</u>

#### V. CAPITAL ASSETS AND RIGHT-TO-USE LEASED ASSETS

Capital assets and right-to-use leased asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	July 1, 2023	Transfers & Adjustments, net	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Capital assets, non-depreciable:					
Construction in progress	\$ 1,237,358	\$ -	\$ 2,070,141	\$ -	\$ 3,307,499
Total capital assets, non-depreciable	<u>1,237,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,307,499</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Furniture	296,838	-	-	-	296,838
Equipment including Leasehold improvements	2,382,754	-	90,303	(57,246)	2,415,811
Software	122,809	-	-	-	122,809
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,802,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,303</u>	<u>(57,246)</u>	<u>2,835,458</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Furniture	(167,544)	-	(32,324)	-	(199,868)
Equipment including Leasehold improvements	(1,639,259)	-	(199,262)	57,246	(1,781,275)
Software	(122,670)	-	(139)	-	(122,809)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,929,473)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(231,725)</u>	<u>57,246</u>	<u>(2,103,952)</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable, net	<u>\$ 872,928</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (141,422)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 731,506</u>
Right-to-use lead assets, amortizable:					
Structures and improvements	\$ 2,351,319	\$ 6,886	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,358,205
Total right-to-use leased assets, amortizable	<u>2,351,319</u>	<u>6,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,205</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:					
Structures and improvements	(355,662)	(1,041)	(118,901)	-	(475,604)
Total accumulated amortization	<u>(355,662)</u>	<u>(1,041)</u>	<u>(118,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(475,604)</u>
Total right-to-use leased assets, amortizable, net	<u>1,995,657</u>	<u>5,845</u>	<u>(118,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,882,601</u>
Sub-total governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,105,943</u>	<u>\$ 5,845</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,818</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,921,606</u>

Construction in progress at June 30, 2024 of \$3,307,499 consists of the building purchase of \$800,000 plus additional costs incurred in relation to demolition, remodeling, and related improvements.

## VI. LONG-TERM LIABILITY - LEASES

Changes in the lease long-term liability for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Governmental activities:	Balance 7/1/2023	Transfers & Adjustments, net	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Leases	\$ 2,064,930	\$ 7,590	\$ -	\$ (93,562)	\$ 1,978,958	\$ 97,179
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,064,930</u>	<u>\$ 7,590</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (93,562)</u>	<u>\$ 1,978,958</u>	<u>\$ 97,179</u>

The District has entered into one lease agreement as a lessee for right-to-use for the Casa Nueva building in Santa Barbara. This lease was recognized as having an inception date as of July 1, 2020 and includes an option to extend the lease term for a period of seven years with the final extension period ending April 30, 2040. The District is required to make monthly principal and interest payments of approximately \$11,714, in addition to a replacement reserve of \$1,588. The District is utilizing an incremental borrowing rate of 3.25%.

Principal and interest payment to maturity for the District are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 97,179	\$ 62,445
2026	100,385	59,239
2027	103,697	55,927
2028	107,117	52,507
2029	110,651	48,973
2030-2040	1,459,929	269,331
Total leases	<u>\$ 1,978,958</u>	<u>\$ 548,422</u>

All other property and/or equipment leases that the District has entered into were evaluated and determined to be immaterial to the financial statements.

## VII. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The District utilizes the Financial Information Network of the County of Santa Barbara for the maintenance of its books and records. Financial transactions are initiated and approved by the District, and the County Auditor-Controller performs data entry, report generation, warrant issuance, and other related functions for the District.

The District is not a component unit of the County of Santa Barbara; however, the cash assets of the District are included in the basic financial statements of the County of Santa Barbara in an investment trust fund.



## VII. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - Continued

The District typically reimburses the County of Santa Barbara for a share of County overhead and other services costs. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the County of Santa Barbara was paid \$13,426 for allocated overhead costs.

The District has one lease outstanding at June 30, 2024 with the County of Santa Barbara for the Casa Nueva building, with a 30-year term, that is disclosed further within Note VI.

The District shares tenancy of Casa Nueva with SBCAG and the County and allocates costs to the co-tenants for various utilities and common area services.

## VIII. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The management of the District is not aware of any outstanding claims or litigation liabilities. The District recognizes as revenue, grant monies received as reimbursement for costs incurred in certain federal and state programs it administers. Although the District's grant programs have been audited through June 30, 2024, the amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

## IX. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences are liquidated through the General Fund. The following is a summary of the employee compensated absences of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024.

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Employee compensated absences	\$ 381,189	\$ 339,378	\$ (333,945)	\$ 386,622	\$ 386,622
Total employee compensated absences	<u>\$ 381,189</u>	<u>\$ 339,378</u>	<u>\$ (333,945)</u>	<u>\$ 386,622</u>	<u>\$ 386,622</u>

## X. RISK FINANCING AND BUSINESS RISKS

The Air Pollution Control District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage as compared to the previous year, only changes in how the types of coverage and deductibles are described. It should also be noted that there aren't any incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims payable for the year ending June 30, 2024. For the past three fiscal years, no settlement amounts have exceeded insurance coverage.

## **XI. RETIREMENT PLAN**

### **A. Plan Description**

The Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System (Retirement System) was established on January 1, 1944, and is administered by the Board of Retirement to provide service retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits for its employees and contracting districts.

It is governed by the California Constitution, California State Government Code § 31450 (County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL)), and the bylaws, policies and procedures adopted by the Retirement System's Board of Retirement. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors may also adopt resolutions, as permitted by the CERL, which may affect the benefits of the Retirement System members.

The Retirement System operates a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Members include all permanent employees working full time or at least 50% part time for the District, as well as the County of Santa Barbara (County), Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District, Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County, Goleta Cemetery District, Santa Maria Cemetery District, Oak Hill Cemetery District, Carpinteria Cemetery District, Summerland Sanitary District, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the Santa Barbara County Superior Court. The Retirement System has one District retirement plan with four tiers, of which, one tier is currently available to new employees. All plans provide benefits as defined by law upon retirement, death, or disability of members based on age, years of service, final average salary (generally 12 highest consecutive months), and the benefit options selected.

### **B. Fiduciary Responsibility**

The Retirement System, governed by the Board of Retirement, is a fiduciary for the accounting and control of member and employer contributions, investment income and member benefits. The Board of Retirement is responsible for establishing policies governing the administration of the retirement plan and managing the investment of the Retirement System's assets under authority granted by Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of California. Article XVI, Section 17(a) provides the Retirement Board has the "sole and exclusive responsibility to administer the system in a manner that will assure prompt delivery of benefits and related services to the participants and their beneficiaries." Section 17(b) further provides that "members of the Retirement Board of a public retirement system shall discharge their duties...solely in the interest of, and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries, minimizing employer contributions thereto, and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the system. A Retirement Board's duty to its participants and their beneficiaries shall take precedence over any other duty."

## **XI. RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued**

The Board consists of nine members and two alternates. These positions are filled as follows: County Board of Supervisors appoints four, members of the Retirement System elect six (including the two alternates), and the County Treasurer-Tax Collector is an ex-officio member.

The Retirement System is a legally separate entity and is not a component unit of the District. It publishes its own Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and receives its own independent audit.

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*Additional detailed information and separately issued financial statements of the Retirement System can be obtained at 130 Robin Hill Road, Suite 100, Goleta, CA 93117.*

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### **C. Benefits Provided**

All pension plans provide benefits, in accordance with CERL regulations, upon retirement, disability or death of members. Retirement benefits are based on years of service, final average compensation, and retirement age. Employees terminating before accruing 5 years of retirement service credit (5 vesting) forfeit the right to receive retirement benefits unless they establish reciprocity with another public agency within the prescribed time period. Non-vested employees who terminate service are entitled to withdraw their accumulated contributions plus accrued interest.

Employees who terminate service after earning 5 years of retirement service credit may leave their contributions on deposit and elect to take a deferred retirement. Differences between expected or actual experience for vested and non-vested benefits may result in an increase or decrease to pension expense and net pension liability.

Service-related disability benefits are based upon final average compensation or retirement benefits (if eligible). Non-service related disability benefits are based on 1) years of service and final average compensation or 2) retirement benefits (if eligible).

Death benefits are based upon a variety of factors including whether the participant was retired or not. Annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) after retirement are provided in all plans. COLAs are granted to eligible retired members each April based upon the Bureau of Labor Statistics Average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area as of the preceding January 1 and is subject to an annual maximum dependent upon the provisions of the pension plans. Specific details for the retirement, disability or death benefit calculations and COLA maximums for each of the pension plans are available in the SBCERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The SBCERS' ACFR is available online at: <https://www.sbcers.org/resources/financial-reports/>.

**XI. RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued**

**D. Contributions**

Per Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of California, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating employers are established and may be amended by the SBCERS Board of Retirement. Depending upon the applicable plan, employees are required to contribute a certain percent of their annual pay. For each of the plans, the County’s contractually required contribution (formerly known as the actuarially required contribution (ARC)) rate for the year ended June 30, 2024, was a specified percent of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Additional amounts required to finance any unfunded accrued liability are the responsibility of the plan sponsors.

Active members are plan members who are currently accruing benefits and/or paying contributions into the applicable plan. Employer and employee contribution rates are as follows:

	APCD Plan 1	APCD Plan 2	General Plan 7	General Plan 8
Hire date	Employees hired before July 2, 1995 may continue the plan	Employees hired before August 16, 2012 and after July 3, 1995 may continue the plan	Employees hired before January 1, 2013 and after August 16, 2012 may continue the plan	All APCD employees hired on or after January 1, 2013
Benefit formula	2% @ 55	2% @ 55	1.67% @ 57.5	2% @ 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	50-65	50-65	50-65	52-67
Monthly benefits, as a % of eligible	0.7454 - 1.5668	0.7454 - 1.5668	0.7091 - 1.4593	0.0100 - 0.0250
Required employee contribution rates	3.54 - 6.45%	7.07 - 12.91%	2.43 - 5.08%	7.15%
Required employer contribution rates	45.94%	48.37%	51.92%	42.67%

**E. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$8,797,125 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 rolled forward to June 30, 2023 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 Pension Plan participants, actuarially determined. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District’s proportion, measured as of June 30, 2023, was 1.1533%, which was a decrease of 0.0161% from its prior year proportion of 1.1694%, measured as of June 30, 2022.

**XI. RETIREMENT PLAN - Continued**

**E. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – Continued**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,184,521. Pension expense represents the change in the net pension liability during the measurement period, adjusted for actual contributions and the deferred recognition of changes in investment gain/loss, actuarial gain/loss, actuarial assumptions or method, and plan benefits.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources above represent the unamortized portion of changes to net pension liability to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner. \$1,691,475 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

At June 30, 2024 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ -	\$ (51,277)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on retirement plan investments	44,850	-
Change in proportion	347,242	(796,733)
Change in assumptions	749,519	(17,196)
Change in experience	233,516	-
Changes in employer's proportion and differences between APCD contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	(370,185)
APCD contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,691,745	-
	<u>\$ 3,066,872</u>	<u>\$ (1,235,391)</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2025	\$ (267,820)
2026	(362,796)
2027	785,274
2028	(14,922)
	<u>\$ 139,736</u>

## XI. RETIREMENT PLAN – Continued

### F. Actuarial Assumptions for Annual Pension Costs

	Miscellaneous	
Valuation Date		June 30, 2022
Measurement Date		June 30, 2023
Actual Cost Method		Entry Age
Actuarial Assumptions		
Administrative expenses	Base of \$6.4 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with 3.00% wage inflation increases annually.	
Discount rate		7.00%
Inflation		3.00% wage inflation component
COLA Increases:		2.75% for those with a 2.75% cap;
Basic COLA		2.90% for APCD Plans 1 and 2;
Post-Retirement COLA		1.90% for General Plan 7 and APCD Plan 8 (PEPRA) (2)
Projected Salary Increase		3.30% plus merit component
Investment Rate of Return		7.00% (1)
Post-Retirement Mortality	<p>Healthy Lives: Mortality rates for General active members are based on the sex distinct Public General 2010 Above-Median Income Employee Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019, without adjustment. Non-duty related mortality rates for Safety active members are based on the sex distinct Public Safety 2010 Employee Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019, without adjustment. Safety active members are also subject to the 2014 CalPERS Preretirement Industrial Mortality Table for duty-related death, with generational improvement using Projection Scale MP-2019 from a base year of 2009. Mortality rates for healthy General annuitants are based on the sex distinct Public General 2010 Above-Median Income Retiree Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019. Mortality rates for Safety annuitants are based on the sex distinct Public Safety 2010 Retiree Mortality Table, with generational improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019.</p> <p>Disabled Lives: Mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on 2014 CalPERS Industrial Disabled Annuitant Mortality, with no adjustment (Safety only), 2014 CalPERS Non-Industrial Disabled Annuitant Mortality, with no adjustment (General only), with Generational improvement using Projection Scale MP-2019 from a base year of 2009.</p>	

(1) Net of pension plan investment expense

(2) For General Plan 8 (PEPRA), benefits are assumed to increase at the rate of 1.90% per year if their employer had implemented General Plan 7 prior to January 1, 2013. Otherwise, benefits are assumed to increase at the rate of 2.60% per year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Based upon the results of the June 30, 2019 actuarial experience study, no changes were made to the economic assumptions used in the previous actuarial valuation. Deferred inflows of resources for changes of assumptions represents the unamortized portion of the changes of assumptions related to prior measurement periods.

### G. Discount Rate

The long-term expected rate of return, measured as of June 30, 2023, on pension plan investments (7.0%) 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.

**XI. RETIREMENT PLAN – Continued**

**G. Discount Rate - Continued**

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Broad U.S. equity	19%	4.30%
Developed market non-U.S. equity	11%	6.00%
Emerging markets equity	7%	8.75%
Core fixed income	17%	1.50%
Custom non-core fixed income	11%	4.35%
Custom real return	15%	4.18%
Custom real estate	10%	4.04%
Private equity	10%	7.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.0%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from the District will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension fund’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. In theory, the discount rate may differ from the long-term expected rate of return discussed previously. However, based on the projected availability of the pension fund’s fiduciary net position, the discount rate is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments, and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**H. Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in Discount Rate**

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension (liability)/asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.0%, 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 (6.0%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.0%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
APCD's proportionate share of the net pension plan liability	\$ (16,528,166)	\$ (8,797,125)	\$ (2,452,180)

## **XI. RETIREMENT PLAN – Continued**

### **I. Pension fund fiduciary net position**

Detailed information about the pension fund’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SBCERS ACFR.

## **XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

### **A. Plan Description**

The District’s cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan (OPEB Plan) is administered by the Santa Barbara County Employees’ Retirement System (Retirement System). The OPEB Plan provides medical benefits to eligible retired District and other employer plan sponsors’ employees, as well as to their eligible dependents, pursuant to California Government Code Section 31694 et. seq. Other employer plan sponsors include the County of Santa Barbara (County), the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District, Goleta Cemetery District, Santa Maria Cemetery District, Carpinteria Cemetery District, Summerland Sanitary District, Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

### **B. Benefits Provided**

The County negotiates health care contracts with providers for both its active employees and the participating retired members of the Retirement System. District retirees are offered the same health plans as active County employees, as well as enhanced senior plans for retirees on Medicare. Retiree premiums are rated separately from active County employees; as such, the District does not have a retiree premium implicit rate subsidy.

Pursuant to the OPEB Plan, the District Board has determined to provide a monthly insurance premium subsidy of \$15 (whole dollars) per year of credited service from the 401(h) account for Eligible Retired Participants participating in a County-sponsored health insurance plan. The monthly insurance premium subsidy is applied directly by the Retirement System to pay the premium and is not paid to the retiree or other party. The maximum amount paid in any month does not exceed the premium; any amount in excess of the premium is forfeited. If an Eligible Retired Participant does not participate in the County-sponsored health insurance plan, then the Retirement System reimburses the eligible Retired Participant for other medical care expenses. The maximum monthly amount paid is \$4 (whole dollars) per year of credited service.



## **XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - Continued**

### **B. Benefits Provided - Continued**

If a member is eligible for a disability retirement benefit, the member can receive a monthly health plan subsidy of \$187 (whole dollars) per month or a subsidy of \$15 (whole dollars) per month per year of service, whichever is greater. This subsidy is treated as a nontaxable amount to the disabled recipient. Survivors of Eligible Retired Participants (Spouses and Dependents) continue to receive a subsidy proportionate to their percentage of the retiree's pension benefit.

### **C. Employees Covered**

As of the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation, the following current and former employees were covered by the benefit terms under the OPEB Plan:

Active employees	28
Vested terminated employees	13
Retirees and surviving spouses	<u>59</u>
Total	<u><u>100</u></u>

### **D. Funding Policy**

Participating employer plan sponsors individually determine their separate contributions to the Retirement System to fund the OPEB Plan. The District has adopted a policy of funding at an amount not to exceed 25% of its normal retirement costs in any given fiscal year, in order to pre-fund the benefit at the maximum amount allowed under the IRC.

### **E. Net OPEB Asset**

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of June 30, 2022, updated to June 30, 2023, were based on 1) the demographic assumptions determined in the actuarial experience study of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 for the Pension Plan, 2) implementation of the OPEB Funding Policy, and 3) current experience for OPEB Plan election by retirees. As the benefit for the OPEB plan is a fixed payment per year of service that is currently lower than the premiums paid for coverage, and is expected to remain so into the future, no age related costs are required to be developed.

The District's net OPEB asset was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation dated June 30, 2022, updated to June 30, 2023, based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

## XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - Continued

### E. Net OPEB Asset – Continued

Salary increase rate	3% plus an additional longevity and promotion increase compounded based on years of service
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expense
Healthcare cost trend rates	The Healthcare Cost Trend Rate is not applicable because the total cost of health benefits is not valued. Only the monthly benefit provided is valued using the assumption that no future increase will be granted to the amount. Medicare-Eligible Retirees: 40% - monthly subsidy of \$15 per year of service; 60% - \$4 cash benefit option Non-Medicare-Eligible Retirees: 40% - monthly subsidy of \$15 per year of service; 60% - \$4 cash benefit option.
Future retiree plan election	
Mortality rates	<b>Healthy Lives:</b> Mortality rates for General active members are based on the sex distinct Public General 2010 Above-Median Income Employee Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019, without adjustment. Non-duty related mortality rates for Safety active member are based on the sex distinct Public Safety 2010 Employee Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019, without adjustment. Safety active members are also subject to the 2014 CalPERS Pre-retirements Industrial Mortality Table for duty-related deaths, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2009 using Projection Scale MP-2019, without adjustment. Mortality rates for healthy General annuitants are based on the sex distinct Public General 2010 Above-Median Income Retiree Mortality Table, with generational mortality improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019. Mortality rates for Safety annuitants are based upon the sex distinct Public Safety Retiree Mortality Table, with generational improvements projected from 2010 using Projection Scale MP-2019.  <b>Disabled Lives:</b> Mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on 2014 CalPERS Industrial Disabled Annuitant Mortality, with no adjustment (Safety only), 2014 CalPERS Non-Industrial Disabled Annuitant Mortality, with no adjustment (General only), with Generational improvement using Projection Scale MP-2016 from a base year of 2009.

The OPEB assets are invested in the same commingled vehicles as the pension plan, but with a more simple asset allocation. It is expected that as the OPEB assets continue to grow, the asset allocation will shift to be more like that of the pension plan. Therefore, in the long run, we expect the OPEB plan to realize the same long-term rate of return as the pension plan. The long-term expected rate of return, measured as of June 30, 2023, on pension plan investments (7.0%) was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	60%	4.30%
Fixed income	40%	1.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – Continued

### F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the District contributions will be continue based upon the current OPEB (401(h) Account) Funding Policy. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments for current members for all future years. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

### G. Changes in the OPEB Asset

The changes in the net OPEB asset for the OPEB Plan are as follows:

	(Increase) Decrease		
	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Asset (c) = (b) + (a)
Balance at June 30, 2023 <i>(Measurement Date June 30, 2022)</i>	\$ (1,527,775)	\$ 2,236,886	\$ 709,111
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	(5,545)	-	(5,545)
Interest	(103,284)	-	(103,284)
Differences between expected and actual experience	55,558	-	55,558
Changes of assumptions	55,940	-	55,940
Contributions - employer	-	7,430	7,430
Net investment income	-	234,451	234,451
Benefit Payments	111,930	(111,930)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(7,609)	(7,609)
Net changes	114,599	122,342	236,941
Balance at June 30, 2024 <i>(Measurement Date June 30, 2023)</i>	\$ (1,413,176)	\$ 2,359,228	\$ 946,052

### H. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB asset (liability) of the District if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate, for measurement period ended June 30, 2022:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
	\$ 808,872	\$ 946,052	\$ 1,062,918

## XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – Continued

### I. Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates

Since the dollar amount of the benefits provided are not expected to increase and are below the current premiums for health benefits, no trend assumptions are used in calculating the OPEB asset (liability). Therefore, the results are not affected by any increase or decrease in the healthcare trend rates that may apply to the underlying benefit premiums in the future, for measurement period ended June 30, 2023.

### J. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SBCERS financial report.

### K. Recognition of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Gains and losses related to changes in total OPEB liability and fiduciary net position are recognized in OPEB expense systematically over time.

Amounts are first recognized in OPEB expense for the year the gain or loss occurs. The remaining amounts are categorized as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and are to be recognized in future OPEB expense.

The recognition period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss. The difference between projected OPEB plan investment earnings and actual earnings is amortized over a five year period. The remaining gains and losses are amortized over the expected average remaining service life.

### L. OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB benefit of (\$162,768).

As of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Investment Return	\$ 70,253	\$ -
APCD contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,256	-
	<u>\$ 74,509</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The \$4,256 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net OPEB asset during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

## XII. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – Continued

### L. OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - Continued

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ (3,241)
2026	124
2027	89,716
2028	(16,346)
	<u>\$ 70,253</u>

## XIII. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

### A. Employee Contribution Deferred Compensation Plan

The District offers to its employees an optional deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). This plan is available to substantially all employees and allows participants to defer a portion of their current income until future years up to a maximum of \$23,000 (during calendar year 2024), so as to shelter such funds and earnings from state and federal taxation until withdrawal. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

This plan is administered through a third-party administrator. The District does not perform the investing function, and has no fiduciary accountability for the plan. Thus, the plan assets and any related liability to plan participants have been excluded from these financial statements.

### B. Social Security Compliance Deferred Compensation Plan

The District's Social Security Compliance Deferred Compensation Plan is a supplemental retirement program utilized by the District in lieu of payments to Social Security (FICA), governed under Internal Revenue Code Sections 3121 and 457. Enrollment in this plan is mandatory for contract, extra-help, seasonal and temporary employees. Employees enrolled in the regular retirement system are not eligible for this plan. Based upon the employee's gross compensation, the employee's deferral, on a before-tax basis, equals 6.2% and the District's contribution equals 1.5% for a combined total of 7.7%.

This plan is administered through a third-party administrator. The District does not perform the investing function, and has no fiduciary accountability for the plan. Thus, the plan assets and any related liability to plan participants have been excluded from these financial statements.

**XIII. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS - Continued**

**B. Social Security Compliance Deferred Compensation Plan - Continued**

The District’s actual contributions for the current year and two preceding years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Contributed</u>
6/30/2022	\$ 6,987
6/30/2023	\$ 7,439
6/30/2024	\$ 6,831

**XIV. RESTRICTED COMPONENT OF NET POSITION**

The restricted component of net position are assets that are subject to constraints either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

The restricted component of net position at June 30, 2024 for governmental activities is as follows:

DMV \$2 Grants	\$ 2,036,532
Carl Moyer Grants	4,338,466
DMV \$4 Programs	136,075
Unrealized Losses (GASB 31 FMV Adjustment)	<u>(141,052)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,370,021</u>

**XV. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through January 7, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **XVI. DISTRICT OWNED EMISSION REDUCTION CREDITS (ERCs)**

On April 14, 2009, the United States Air Force (USAF) transferred ERC Certificate No. 0091-1108 to the District containing 12.000 tons per year (tpy) of oxides of nitrogen (NOx). This was done as part of the Environmental Investment (ENVEST) Program and the requirements of District Regulation XIII.

On January 8, 2019, the Point Arguello Pipeline Company (PAPCO) transferred ERC Certificate No. 0040-0805 to the District containing 7.086 tons per year (tpy) of reactive organic compounds (ROCs). This was done pursuant to Section IV, Paragraph B.2(e) of the May 20, 1997 Third Amendment to the OCS Mitigation Agreement entered into between Chevron (on behalf of PAPCO) and the District, which required that all rights to ERCs generated from the shutdown of the Gaviota Oil and Gas Plant be conveyed to the District.

The Santa Barbara County market for ERCs would indicate a potential fair value of \$1,882,875 for these credits. Given that it is impossible to predict when and if the credits might be sold, and at what price, management believes it would be misleading to record them in the financial statements at any value at this time.

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*Management, however, would like financial statement readers to be aware that the District is in possession of these credits and that they may be sold at some point in the future.*

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## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

### GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Budgetary Basis)*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Operating revenues:</b>				
Licenses, permits, and franchises	\$ 3,849,539	\$ 3,849,539	\$ 5,407,069	\$ 1,557,530
Grants and subventions	3,667,810	3,667,810	3,706,675	38,865
Charges for services	3,299,183	3,299,183	4,822,656	1,523,473
Other	2,000	2,000	15,282	13,282
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>10,818,532</b>	<b>10,818,532</b>	<b>13,951,682</b>	<b>3,133,150</b>
<b>Operating expenditures:</b>				
Air pollution control services:				
Salaries and benefits	6,454,412	6,454,412	6,281,197	173,215
Services and supplies	10,824,971	10,824,971	5,080,007	5,744,964
Other expenses	186,600	186,600	205,665	(19,065)
Capital outlay	2,172,000	2,172,000	2,160,444	11,556
<b>Total operating expenditures</b>	<b>19,637,983</b>	<b>19,637,983</b>	<b>13,727,313</b>	<b>5,910,670</b>
Operating income (loss)	(8,819,451)	(8,819,451)	224,369	9,043,820
<b>Non-operating revenues (expenditures):</b>				
Use of money and property	90,000	90,000	279,119	189,119
Investment income (loss)	-	-	528,114	528,114
<b>Total non-operating revenues (expenditures)</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>807,233</b>	<b>717,233</b>
Net change in fund balance	(8,729,451)	(8,729,451)	1,031,602	9,761,053
<b>Fund balances:</b>				
Beginning of year	10,670,053	10,670,053	10,670,053	--
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,940,602</b>	<b>\$ 1,940,602</b>	<b>\$ 11,701,655</b>	<b>\$ 9,761,053</b>

*See accompanying notes to the General Fund – Budgetary Comparison Schedule.*



## NOTES TO THE GENERAL FUND - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

*(Budgetary Basis) As of June 30, 2024*

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### I. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with GAAP.

### II. BUDGETARY AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE

In accordance with the California Health and Safety Code Section 40130-40131 and other statutory provisions, on or before July 1 for each fiscal year, the District must prepare and submit a budget to the County Auditor-Controller. Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Annually, the Board of Directors conducts two public hearings for the discussion of a proposed budget. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board adopts the final budget. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end and are subject to re-appropriation as part of the following year's budget. The legal level of budgetary control (the level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is maintained at the object level. The Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) is delegated authority to make changes to the annual budget, provided it is within and between the salaries and benefits, services and supplies, other expenses, and capital outlay object levels. Subsequent to budget adoption, increases or decreases to reserves and designations must be adopted by a 4/5 vote of the Board. Lastly, the County Auditor-Controller is authorized to make administrative budget adjustments for the fair market value of assets held in the County Treasury.

#### **Variances with Final Budgeted Amounts**

There were no variances out of budgetary or legal compliance.

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*Please see the General Fund Budgetary Highlights section of the MD&A, beginning on page 31, for more details on the object level variances found in the budgetary comparison schedule.*

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## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

*For the Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
Measurement Date	06/30/23	06/30/22	06/30/21	06/30/20	06/30/19	06/30/18	06/30/17	06/30/16	06/30/15	06/30/14
Valuation Date	06/30/22	06/30/21	06/30/20	06/30/19	06/30/18	06/30/17	06/30/16	06/30/15	06/30/14	06/30/13
APCD's proportion of the net pension liability	1.1533%	1.1694%	1.2292%	1.1302%	1.3901%	1.2224%	1.2898%	1.2939%	1.1649%	1.1680%
APCD's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,797,125	\$ 8,704,513	\$ 5,803,695	\$ 11,931,966	\$ 11,860,437	\$ 10,563,359	\$ 12,134,047	\$ 10,877,995	\$ 8,476,136	\$ 7,128,755
APCD's covered payroll	\$ 3,524,295	\$ 3,508,514	\$ 3,430,926	\$ 3,358,287	\$ 3,306,424	\$ 3,105,717	\$ 3,306,305	\$ 3,336,095	\$ 3,322,884	\$ 3,260,399
APCD's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	249.6%	248.1%	169.2%	355.3%	358.7%	340.1%	367.0%	326.1%	255.1%	218.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.4%	84.0%	89.4%	75.2%	78.9%	77.6%	74.9%	75.2%	77.7%	80.5%

*Source: Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System GASB 67/68 Report as of June 30, 2023, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2021, June 30, 2020, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2017, June 30, 2016, June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014 valuation reports produced by Cheiron.*

## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

*For the Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 1,570,129	\$ 1,761,473	\$ 1,578,909	\$ 1,574,072	\$ 1,390,935	\$ 1,268,643	\$ 1,267,652	\$ 1,192,461	\$ 1,239,256	\$ 1,176,451
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	1,570,129	1,761,473	1,578,909	1,574,072	1,390,935	1,268,643	1,267,652	1,192,461	1,239,256	1,176,451
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
APCD's covered payroll	\$ 3,524,295	\$ 3,508,514	\$ 3,430,926	\$ 3,358,287	\$ 3,306,424	\$ 3,105,717	\$ 3,306,305	\$ 3,336,095	\$ 3,322,884	\$ 3,260,399
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	44.6%	50.2%	46.0%	46.9%	42.1%	40.8%	38.3%	35.7%	37.3%	36.08%

*Source: Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System GASB 67/68 Report as of June 30, 2023, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2021, June 30, 2020, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2017, June 30, 2016, June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014 valuation reports produced by Cheiron.*

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB ASSET (LIABILITY) AND RELATED RATIOS

*For the year ended June 30, 2024*

Last 10 Fiscal Years*	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>							
Service cost	\$ (5,545)	\$ (6,943)	\$ (7,679)	\$ (10,556)	\$ (12,164)	\$ (12,680)	\$ (14,378)
Interest on the total OPEB liability	(103,284)	(106,203)	(109,037)	(112,489)	(101,315)	(100,026)	(98,778)
Difference between actual and expected experience	55,558	41,714	43,609	46,227	(153,752)	(6,909)	-
Changes in assumptions	55,940	-	-	13,277	-	-	-
Benefit payments	111,930	112,958	113,481	109,486	104,211	97,800	91,292
Net change in the total OPEB liability	114,599	41,526	40,374	45,945	(163,020)	(21,815)	(21,864)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	(1,527,775)	(1,569,301)	(1,609,675)	(1,655,620)	(1,492,600)	(1,470,785)	(1,448,921)
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ (1,413,176)</u>	<u>\$ (1,527,775)</u>	<u>\$ (1,569,301)</u>	<u>\$ (1,609,675)</u>	<u>\$ (1,655,620)</u>	<u>\$ (1,492,600)</u>	<u>\$ (1,470,785)</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>							
Contributions - employers	\$ 7,430	\$ 119,432	\$ 105,889	\$ 204,172	\$ 202,521	\$ 204,124	\$ 162,872
Net investment income	234,451	(349,235)	588,370	144,484	152,445	122,830	93,589
Benefit payments	(111,930)	(112,958)	(113,481)	(109,486)	(104,211)	(97,800)	(91,292)
Administrative expenses	(7,609)	(7,432)	(6,659)	(6,760)	(6,630)	(6,394)	(5,617)
Net change in the Plan Fiduciary Net Position	122,342	(350,193)	574,119	232,410	244,125	222,760	159,552
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - beginning	2,236,886	2,587,079	2,012,960	1,780,550	1,536,425	1,313,665	1,154,114
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - ending (b)	<u>\$ 2,359,228</u>	<u>\$ 2,236,886</u>	<u>\$ 2,587,079</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,960</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,550</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,425</u>	<u>\$ 1,313,665</u>
<b>Net OPEB asset (liability) - ending (a) + (b)</b>	<u>\$ 946,052</u>	<u>\$ 709,111</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,778</u>	<u>\$ 403,285</u>	<u>\$ 124,930</u>	<u>\$ 43,825</u>	<u>\$ (157,120)</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	166.95%	146.41%	164.86%	125.05%	107.55%	102.94%	89.32%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 1,142,557	\$ 1,366,649	\$ 1,499,108	\$ 3,358,287	\$ 3,306,424	\$ 3,105,717	\$ 3,306,305
Net OPEB asset (liability) as a percentage of covered employee payroll	82.80%	51.89%	67.89%	12.01%	3.78%	1.41%	-4.75%
Measurement date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Valuation date	June 30, 2022 updated to June 30, 2023	June 30, 2021 updated to June 30, 2022	June 30, 2020 updated to June 30, 2021	June 30, 2019 updated to June 30, 2020	June 30, 2018 updated to June 30, 2019	June 30, 2017 updated to June 30, 2018	June 30, 2016 updated to June 30, 2017

**Notes to Schedule:**

\* Historical information is required only for measurement periods for which GASB 75 is applicable.  
Future years' information will be displayed up to 10 years as information becomes available.

*Source: Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System GASB 74/75 Report as of as of June 30, 2023, June 30, 2022, June 30, 2021, June 30, 2020, June 30, 2019, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2017, June 30, 2016, June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2014 valuation reports produced by Cheiron.*

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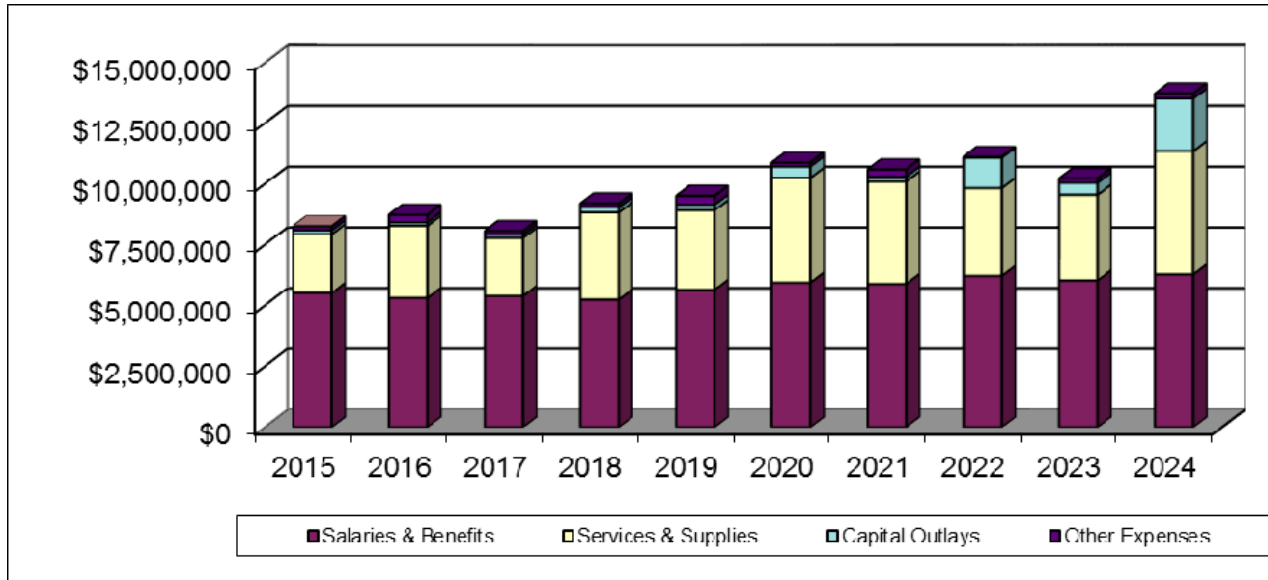


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*The information in the statistical section is not covered by the Independent Auditors' Report, but is presented as supplemental data for the benefit of the readers of the annual comprehensive financial report.*

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR OBJECT

*(Combined Budgetary and GAAP Basis) Last Ten Fiscal Years*

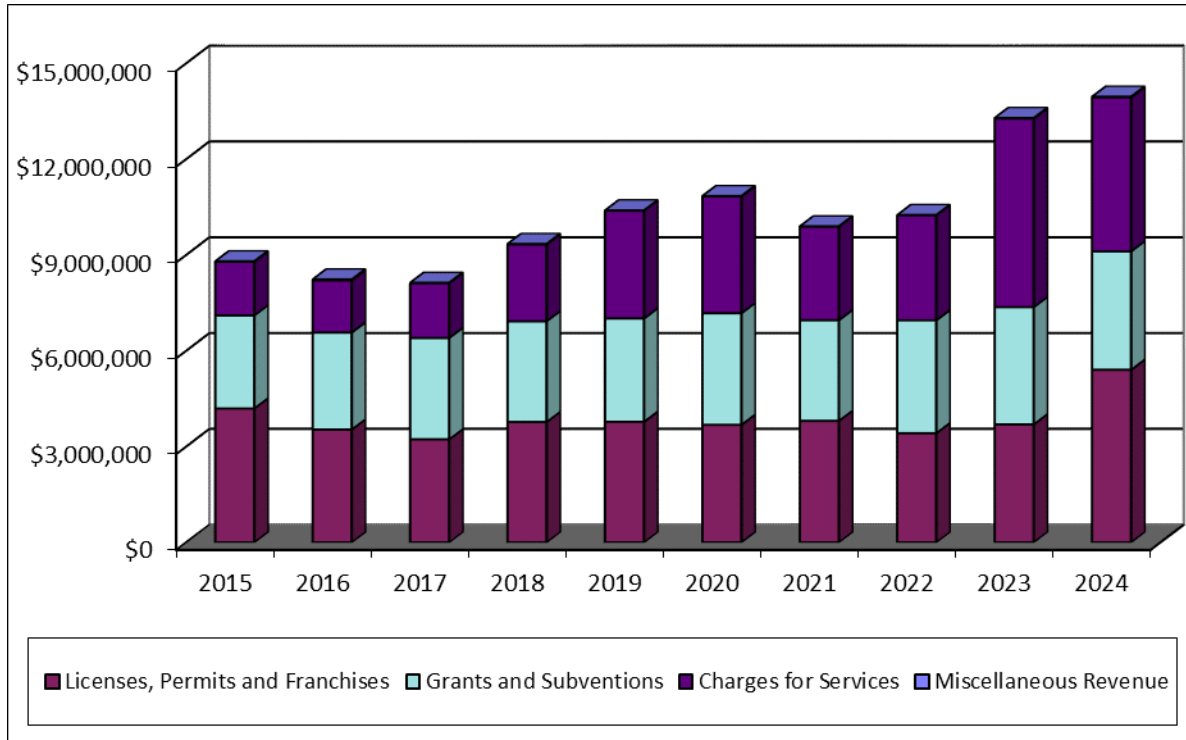


Year	Salaries & Benefits	Services & Supplies	Capital Outlays	Other Expenses	Total Expenditures
2015	\$ 5,519,023	\$ 2,415,952	\$ 164,474	\$ 160,798	\$ 8,260,247
2016	\$ 5,315,212	\$ 2,971,777	\$ 133,006	\$ 318,413	\$ 8,738,408
2017	\$ 5,395,402	\$ 2,389,598	\$ 127,788	\$ 154,880	\$ 8,067,668
2018	\$ 5,248,978	\$ 3,586,993	\$ 212,019	\$ 153,031	\$ 9,201,021
2019	\$ 5,654,925	\$ 3,271,520	\$ 227,238	\$ 358,515	\$ 9,512,198
2020	\$ 5,947,038	\$ 4,313,193	\$ 462,383	\$ 161,222	\$ 10,883,836
2021	\$ 5,889,239	\$ 4,215,842	\$ 194,746	\$ 303,953	\$ 10,603,780
2022	\$ 6,221,415	\$ 3,610,156	\$ 1,252,957	\$ 34,222	\$ 11,118,750
2023	\$ 6,036,606	\$ 3,525,182	\$ 490,633	\$ 178,641	\$ 10,231,062
2024	\$ 6,281,197	\$ 5,080,007	\$ 2,160,444	\$ 205,665	\$ 13,727,313

Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Audited Financial Statements

## GENERAL FUND REVENUES BY MAJOR OBJECT

(Combined Budgetary and GAAP Basis) Last Ten Fiscal Years

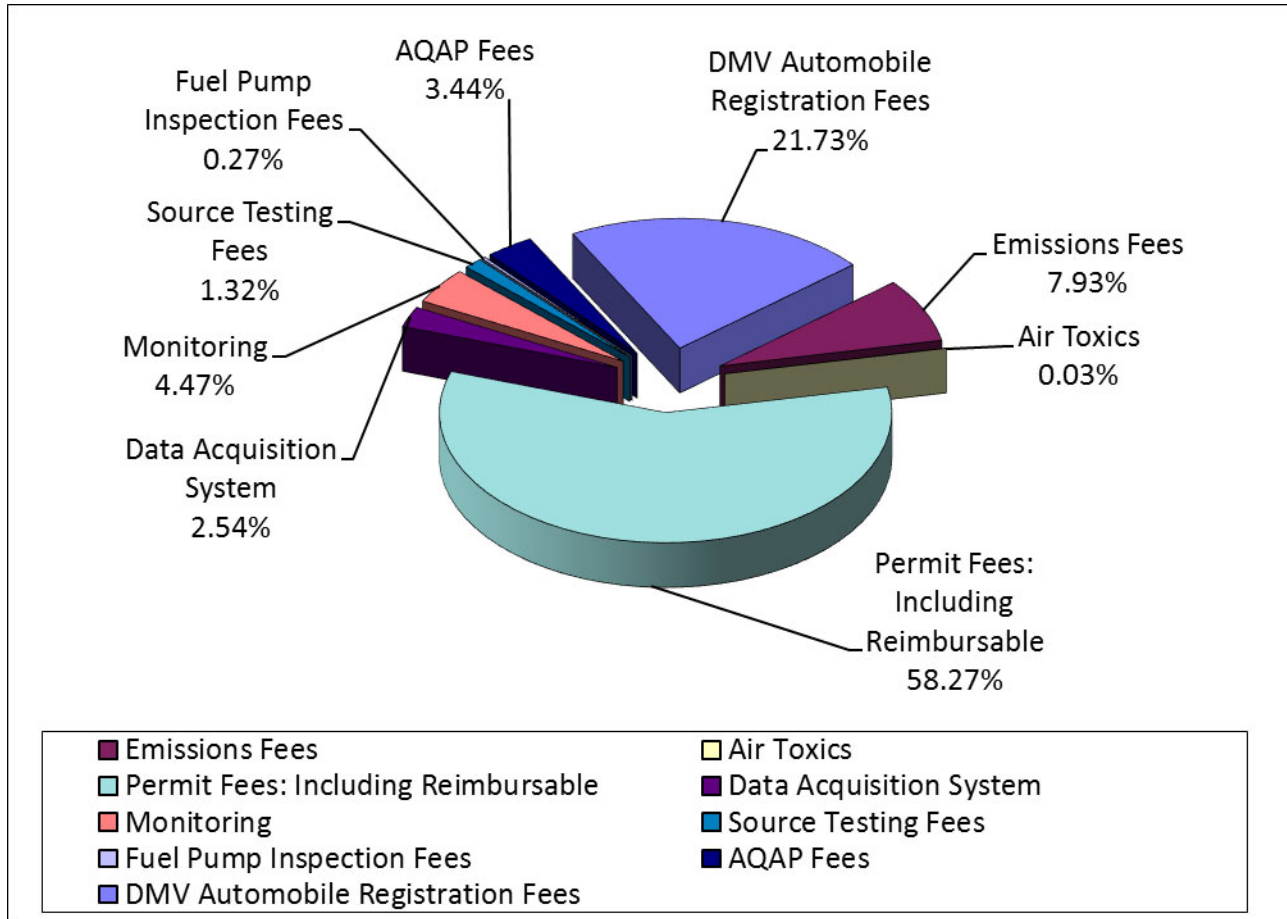


Year	Licenses, Permits and Franchises	Grants and Subventions	Charges for Services	Miscellaneous Revenue	Total Revenues
2015	\$ 4,196,836	\$ 2,912,323	\$ 1,678,870	\$ 12,433	\$ 8,800,462
2016	\$ 3,536,289	\$ 3,036,840	\$ 1,632,337	\$ 26,552	\$ 8,232,018
2017	\$ 3,229,432	\$ 3,174,081	\$ 1,715,408	\$ 7,788	\$ 8,126,709
2018	\$ 3,773,661	\$ 3,150,516	\$ 2,405,868	\$ 12,421	\$ 9,342,466
2019	\$ 3,779,781	\$ 3,232,012	\$ 3,380,168	\$ 696	\$ 10,392,657
2020	\$ 3,684,557	\$ 3,493,290	\$ 3,658,341	\$ 6,292	\$ 10,842,480
2021	\$ 3,809,214	\$ 3,148,846	\$ 2,931,374	\$ 4,672	\$ 9,894,106
2022	\$ 3,423,129	\$ 3,533,402	\$ 3,289,300	\$ 2,470	\$ 10,248,301
2023	\$ 3,697,722	\$ 3,669,869	\$ 5,905,250	\$ 11,177	\$ 13,284,018
2024	\$ 5,407,069	\$ 3,706,675	\$ 4,822,656	\$ 15,282	\$ 13,951,682

Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Audited Financial Statements

# GENERAL FUND FEE REVENUES BY FEE SOURCE

Fiscal Year 2023-24

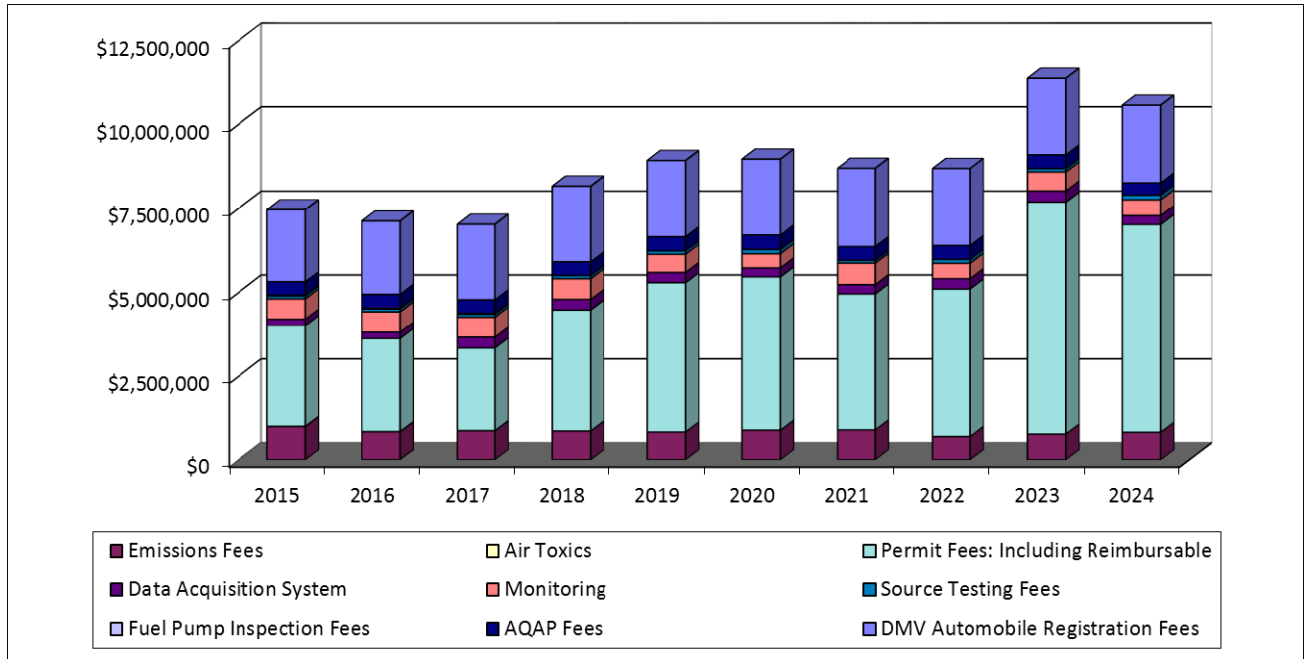


Fee Source	FY 23-24
Emissions Fees	\$ 839,633
Air Toxics	\$ 3,615
Permit Fees: Including Reimbursable	\$ 6,172,871
Data Acquisition System	\$ 269,172
Monitoring	\$ 473,707
Source Testing Fees	\$ 139,534
Fuel Pump Inspection Fees	\$ 28,136
AQAP Fees	\$ 364,763
DMV Automobile Registration Fees	\$ 2,302,377
<b>Total Fee Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 10,593,808</b>

Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District Audited Fee Revenues

# GENERAL FUND FEE REVENUES BY FEE SOURCE

*Last Ten Fiscal Years*



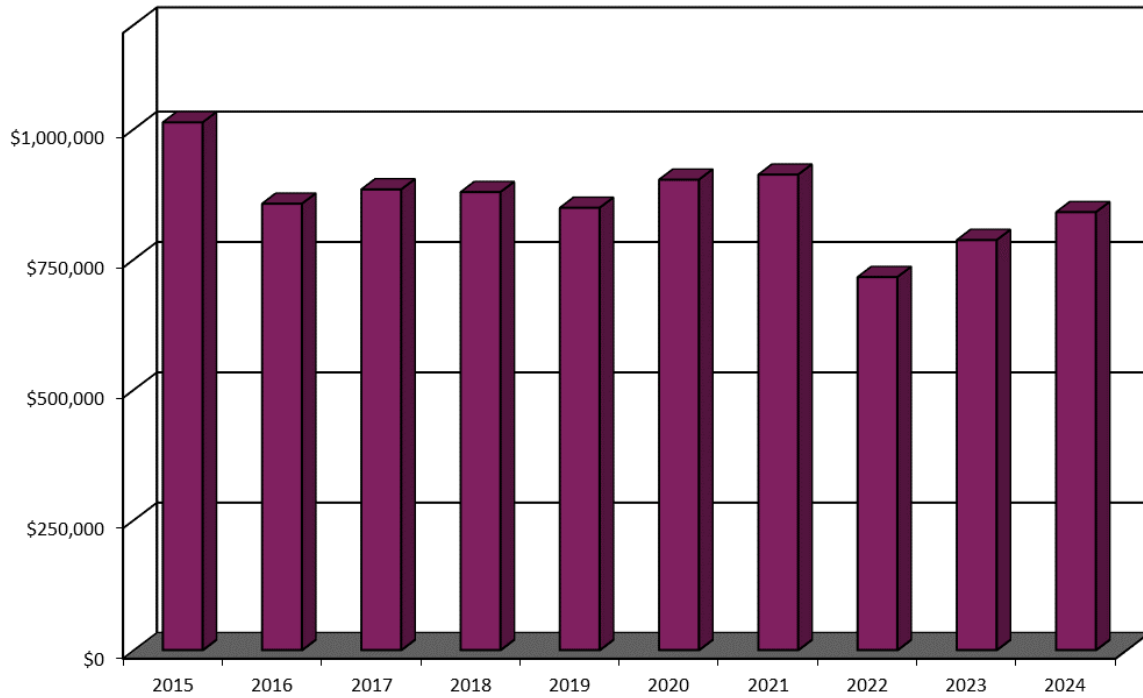
Year	Emissions Fees	Air Toxics	Permit Fees: Including Reimbursable	Data Acquisition System	Monitoring	Source Testing Fees	Fuel Pump Inspection Fees	AQAP Fees	DMV Automobile Registration Fees	Total Fee Revenues
2015	\$ 1,011,844	\$ 5,727	\$ 2,989,787	\$ 193,512	\$ 602,803	\$ 87,146	\$ 20,786	\$ 403,179	\$ 2,143,037	\$ 7,457,821
2016	\$ 855,895	\$ 5,865	\$ 2,757,639	\$ 188,315	\$ 611,524	\$ 88,069	\$ 21,019	\$ 415,955	\$ 2,174,140	\$ 7,118,421
2017	\$ 883,274	\$ 5,351	\$ 2,448,971	\$ 322,960	\$ 599,983	\$ 89,512	\$ 23,061	\$ 405,470	\$ 2,244,316	\$ 7,022,898
2018	\$ 878,137	\$ 5,145	\$ 3,595,441	\$ 317,841	\$ 612,889	\$ 91,866	\$ 20,281	\$ 408,919	\$ 2,257,103	\$ 8,187,622
2019	\$ 847,987	\$ 6,247	\$ 4,439,587	\$ 303,242	\$ 537,230	\$ 100,894	\$ 23,856	\$ 422,646	\$ 2,272,886	\$ 8,954,575
2020	\$ 901,919	\$ 5,934	\$ 4,557,742	\$ 266,329	\$ 418,630	\$ 125,054	\$ 21,646	\$ 432,456	\$ 2,263,594	\$ 8,993,304
2021	\$ 911,674	\$ 3,686	\$ 4,040,067	\$ 278,938	\$ 635,385	\$ 81,407	\$ 23,354	\$ 411,476	\$ 2,334,184	\$ 8,720,171
2022	\$ 715,147	\$ 3,758	\$ 4,383,827	\$ 307,430	\$ 456,880	\$ 112,686	\$ 23,747	\$ 413,212	\$ 2,297,445	\$ 8,714,132
2023	\$ 786,138	\$ 3,615	\$ 6,898,759	\$ 335,205	\$ 565,347	\$ 99,340	\$ 29,525	\$ 407,625	\$ 2,292,485	\$ 11,418,039
2024	\$ 839,633	\$ 3,615	\$ 6,172,871	\$ 269,172	\$ 473,707	\$ 139,534	\$ 28,136	\$ 364,763	\$ 2,302,377	\$ 10,593,808

Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District Audited Fee Revenues



# EMISSION FEE REVENUES

*Last Ten Fiscal Years*



Year	Emission Fees
2015	\$ 1,011,844
2016	\$ 855,895
2017	\$ 883,274
2018	\$ 878,137
2019	\$ 847,987
2020	\$ 901,919
2021	\$ 911,674
2022	\$ 715,147
2023	\$ 786,138
2024	\$ 839,633

*Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District Audited Fee Revenues*

## KEY AIR QUALITY AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### *Santa Barbara County Region*

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District includes all of Santa Barbara County.

#### **Geography**

Santa Barbara County, located approximately 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 300 miles south of San Francisco, was established by an act of the State Legislature on February 18, 1850. The County occupies 2,774 square miles, one-third of which is located in the Los Padres National Forest. Bordered on the West and South by the Pacific Ocean, the County has 110 miles of beaches, a little over half being south facing beaches. Agriculture figures prominently in the valleys with just over 700,000 acres devoted to crops and pasture. Strawberries, broccoli, grapes (wine), and vegetables are the four most notable crops of the County.

*The County has 4 main urban areas:*

#### Santa Barbara Coast

Santa Barbara Coast is located in the southern portion of the County. The area is bordered in the south by the Pacific Ocean and in the north by the Santa Ynez Mountain range, one of the few mountain systems in North America that run east-west rather than north-south. Because of the unique south-facing aspect, and its year round mild Mediterranean climate, it is fitting that Santa Barbara has been described by many as the “California Riviera.”

#### Santa Ynez Valley

Santa Ynez Valley is located in the central portion of the County, nestled between the Santa Ynez and San Rafael mountain ranges. Santa Ynez Valley includes the communities of Buellton, Solvang, and Santa Ynez, as well as the Chumash Reservation. Lake Cachuma is also nestled between the mountain ranges, offering recreational activities and a water supply to the County. The Valley’s climate has recently attracted many wine makers to the area, adding vast vineyards to the rolling hills that lead to the Los Padres National Forest.

#### Santa Maria Valley

Santa Maria Valley is located in the northern portion of the County, bordered by San Luis Obispo County on the north. Much of the new development within the County has been happening in the Santa Maria Valley area. The area has experienced a lot of change in the past decade.

#### Lompoc Valley

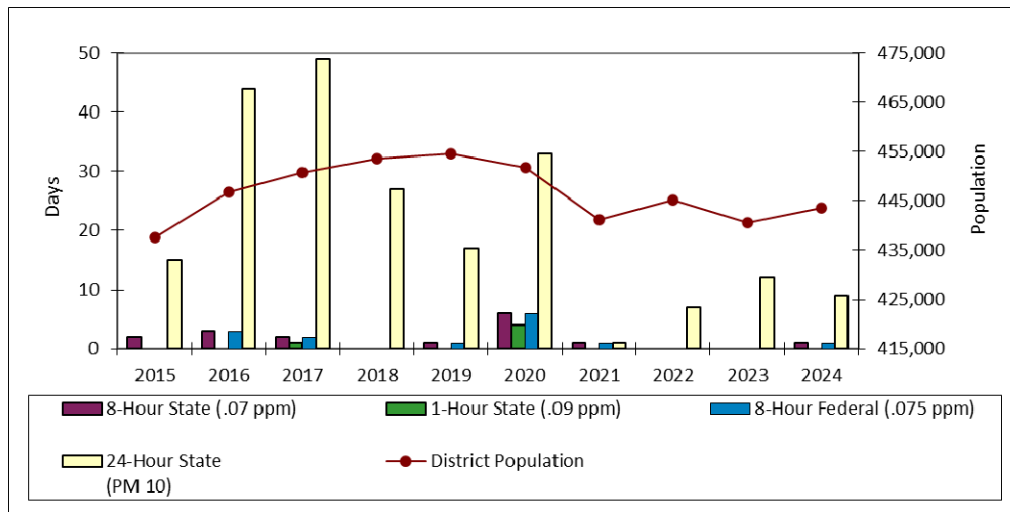
Lompoc Valley is located in the western portion of the County. Vandenberg Air Force Base is located in the Valley contributing many local employment opportunities to County residents.

Overall, the County is a popular tourist and recreational area, famous for its mild climate (at 64 degrees F and with 300 days of sunshine on average), picturesque coastline, scenic mountains, 114 parks, 18 beaches, and 17 golf courses. The County is rich in heritage and cultural diversity; Spanish-Mediterranean architecture on the South Coast, western style towns inland, missions, Danish village of Solvang, and numerous cultural festivals and parades, all reflect its diverse legacy. World-class music, opera, dance, theatre and visual arts, coupled with beautiful urban and rural communities, make the County a haven to those who live here, as well as a delight to those who visit from all over the world.



The following charts illustrate air quality, demographic, employment and motor vehicle information about the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District region.

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AIR QUALITY TREND - LAST TEN CALENDAR YEARS



Year	Calendar Year Exceedances (number of days with an exceedance)				District Population
	Ozone			Particulate Matter	
	8-Hour State (.07 ppm)	1-Hour State (.09 ppm)	8-Hour Federal (.075 ppm)	24-Hour State (PM 10)	
2015	2	0	0	15	437,643
2016	3	0	3	44	446,717
2017	2	1	2	49	450,663
2018	0	0	0	27	453,457
2019	1	0	1	17	454,593
2020	6	4	6	33	451,840
2021	1	0	1	1	441,172
2022	0	0	0	7	445,164
2023	0	0	0	12	440,537
2024	1	0	1	9	443,623

Notes: Population figures are at January 1 of the years listed.

Sources:

2014-2015 Data:

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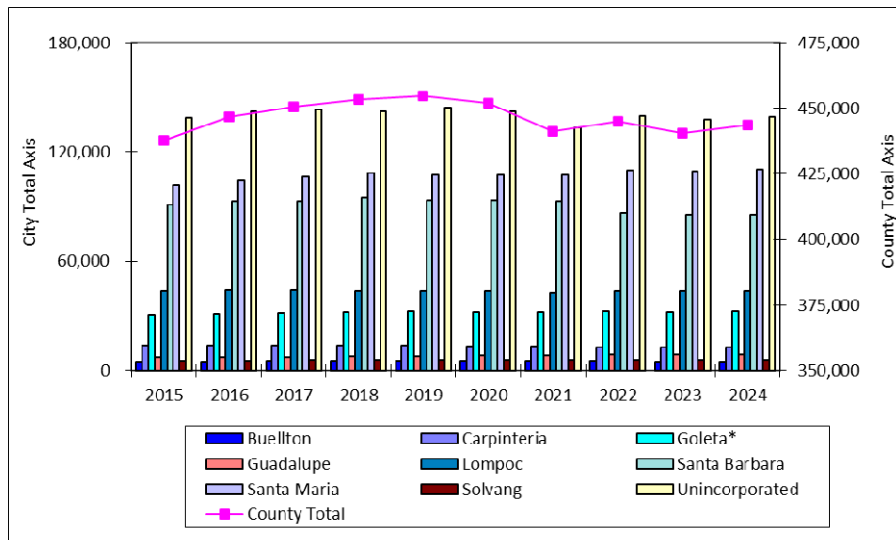
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## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY POPULATION BY CITY - LAST TEN CALENDAR YEARS



Santa Barbara County (January 1,)										
City	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Buellton	4,931	4,957	5,129	5,291	5,453	5,464	5,435	5,055	4,944	4,970
Carpinteria	13,547	13,928	13,943	13,704	13,680	13,335	13,196	12,963	12,711	12,744
Goleta*	30,765	31,235	31,760	31,949	32,759	32,223	32,339	32,591	32,422	32,515
Guadalupe	7,205	7,348	7,414	7,604	7,839	8,081	8,346	8,544	8,515	8,676
Lompoc	43,479	44,116	44,042	43,599	43,649	43,786	42,493	43,845	43,493	43,610
Santa Barbara	91,088	93,190	93,063	94,807	93,532	93,511	93,055	86,591	85,418	85,679
Santa Maria	102,087	104,404	106,280	108,470	107,356	107,407	107,445	109,910	109,477	110,608
Solvang	5,489	5,451	5,593	5,771	5,822	5,562	5,512	5,709	5,669	5,663
Unincorporated	139,052	142,088	143,439	142,262	144,503	142,471	133,351	139,956	137,888	139,158
<b>County Total</b>	<b>437,643</b>	<b>446,717</b>	<b>450,663</b>	<b>453,457</b>	<b>454,593</b>	<b>451,840</b>	<b>441,172</b>	<b>445,164</b>	<b>440,537</b>	<b>443,623</b>

\* Goleta incorporated in 2003.

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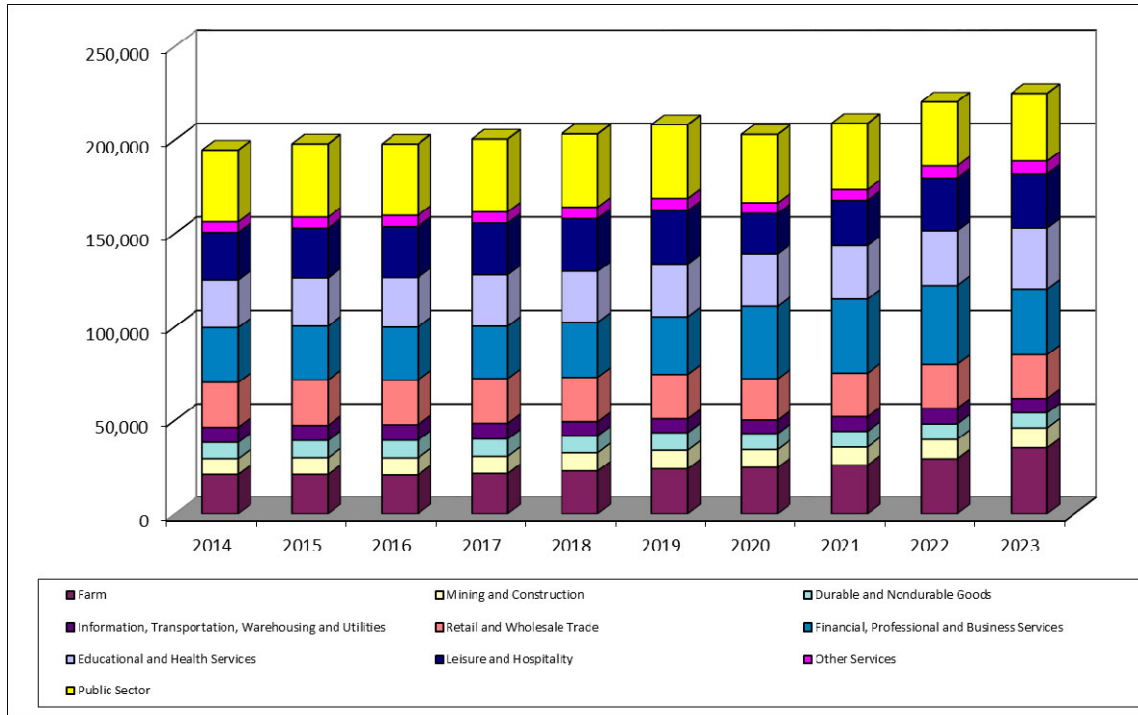
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## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - LAST TEN CALENDAR YEARS

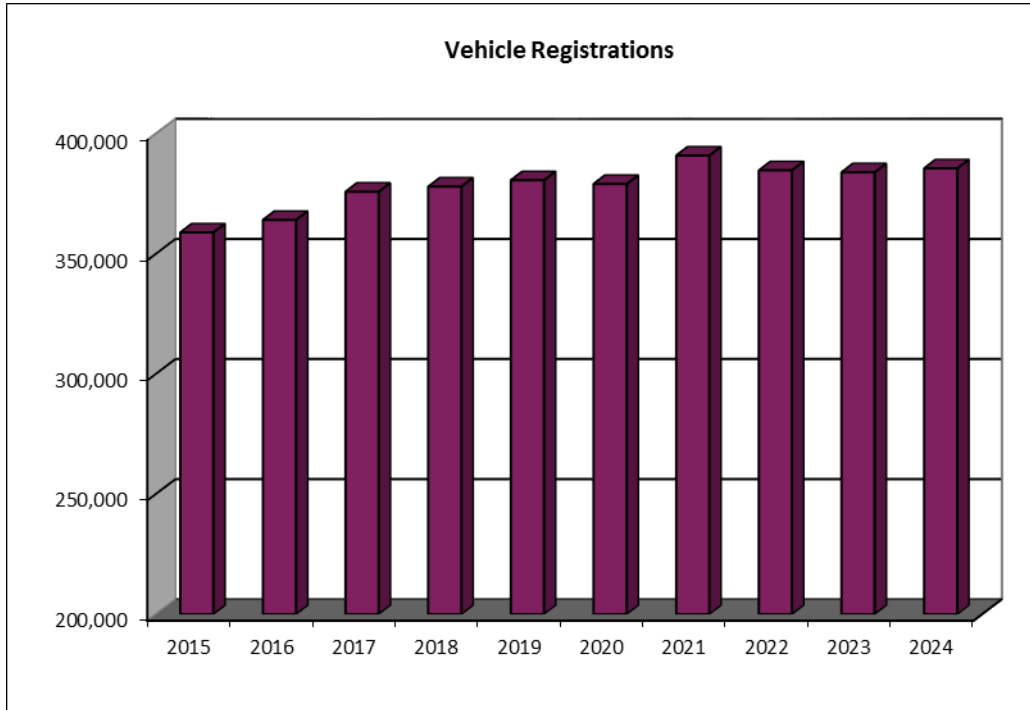


Year	Farm	Mining and Construction	Durable and Nondurable Goods	Information, Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	Retail and Wholesale Trade	Financial, Professional and Business Services	Educational and Health Services	Leisure and Hospitality	Other Services	Public Sector	Total Wage and Salary
2014	21,000	8,500	8,700	8,000	24,100	29,300	25,400	25,500	5,700	38,300	194,500
2015	21,000	9,000	9,200	8,000	24,400	28,800	25,700	26,700	5,900	39,100	197,800
2016	20,700	9,200	9,400	8,200	24,000	28,300	26,500	27,300	6,000	38,100	197,700
2017	21,500	9,300	9,200	8,300	24,000	28,000	27,500	27,700	6,000	38,900	200,400
2018	22,900	9,800	9,000	7,500	23,800	29,400	27,300	28,200	6,100	39,100	203,100
2019	24,000	10,000	9,300	7,500	23,700	30,800	28,300	28,500	6,500	39,500	208,100
2020	24,800	9,600	8,500	7,200	22,100	38,800	28,000	21,700	5,600	36,600	202,900
2021	26,000	9,700	8,400	7,800	23,300	39,600	28,600	24,200	5,800	35,400	208,800
2022	29,400	10,300	8,300	8,400	23,500	42,100	29,400	28,200	6,500	34,200	220,300
2023	35,300	10,600	8,100	7,600	23,500	35,100	32,700	29,000	6,800	36,100	224,800

Note: 2024 Data was not available at time of report issuance

Source: California Employment Development Department (EDD)

FEE-PAID VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND FEES COLLECTED -  
 AUTOMOBILES AND LIGHT TRUCKS IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY -  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS



Fiscal Year	Vehicle Registrations	Registration Fees
2015	358,959	\$ 2,143,037
2016	364,168	\$ 2,174,140
2017	375,923	\$ 2,244,316
2018	378,065	\$ 2,257,103
2019	380,708	\$ 2,272,886
2020	379,152	\$ 2,263,594
2021	390,976	\$ 2,334,184
2022	384,822	\$ 2,297,445
2023	383,991	\$ 2,292,485
2024	385,648	\$ 2,302,377

Source: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution District Audited Fee Revenues

## DEMOGRAPHIC AND MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

<i>District Established:</i>	September 14, 1970 with Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors resolution 70-581
<i>Area Covered:</i>	2,774 square miles
<i>County &amp; Cities Included:</i>	Santa Barbara County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Solvang
<i>Population:</i>	443,623 (as of January 1, 2024)
<i>Transportation:</i>	Railroads: The Union Pacific and passenger services by Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner Two commercial Airports: Santa Barbara Airport and Santa Maria, with connecting services to many international airports Freeways: U.S. 101 and six State highway routes 1, 135, 154, 166, 217, and 246
<i>Visitor Destinations:</i>	Santa Barbara Mission, Santa Barbara Harbor, Historic Downtown Santa Barbara, La Purisma Mission, Murals in Lompoc, Chumash Casino, Wine Country, Lake Cachuma, Beaches, State Parks, and National Forests
<i>Registered Vehicles:</i>	385,648 (in Fiscal Year 2023-24)
<i>Average Total Daily Miles Traveled:</i>	10.1 million (from a 2005 study)
<i>Average Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled:</i>	31.9 (from a 2000 study)
<i>Average Trip Length:</i>	9.2 (from a 2000 study)
<i>Stationary Sources of Air Pollution Regulated:</i>	Oil and Gas Production Facilities, Offshore Oil and Gas Production Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, Mining Operations, Sand & Gravel Production, Government Military Installations, Dry Cleaning, Gas Stations, Paint Spray Booths, and Agricultural Water Pump Engines
<i>Permitted or Registered Stationary Facilities:</i>	1,089 Small, Medium, and Large
<i>Number of Air Monitoring Stations:</i>	12
<i>Full-time Positions for 2022-23:</i>	45.00 are authorized and 34.00 are funded.
<i>Full-time Positions for 2023-24:</i>	45.00 are authorized and 34.00 are funded.
<i>Adopted 2023-24 Budget:</i>	\$19,637,884
<i>Key Federal, State, and Local Air Agencies:</i>	EPA Region IX (Environmental Protection Agency), CARB (California Air Resources Board) and 35 local air pollution control districts in California.



ATTACHMENT B

Fiscal Year 2023-24  
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*

January 16, 2025

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Board of Directors

260 San Antonio Road, Suite A  
Santa Barbara, California 93110



**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 of  
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District:**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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 7, 2025.

**Report on 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 opinion 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.

## **Report on 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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Bartlett, Pringh + Wolf, LLP*

Santa Barbara, California

January 7, 2025

ATTACHMENT C

Fiscal Year 2023-24  
Independent Auditor's  
*Report to the Board of Directors and Management*

January 16, 2025

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Board of Directors

260 San Antonio Road, Suite A  
Santa Barbara, California 93110



January 7, 2025

Board of Directors  
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

This letter is to inform the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (the District) about significant matters related to the conduct of our audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, so that it can appropriately discharge its oversight responsibility and we comply with our professional responsibilities.

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

### **Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit**

Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States have been described to you in our arrangement letter dated July 22, 2024. The audit of the basic financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

### **Overview of Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit**

We have issued a separate communication dated July 22, 2024 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and identified significant risks.

### **Accounting Policies and Practices**

#### *Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices*

Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

*Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies*

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the District. The District did not adopt any significant new accounting policies nor have there been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

*Significant Accounting Policies*

We did not identify any significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

*Significant or Unusual Transactions*

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions,

*Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. You may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to determine and record these accounting estimates. The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the District's financial statements:

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Management makes judgments regarding the ability to collect outstanding receivables and provides allowances for estimated doubtful accounts. Allowance for doubtful accounts includes individual invoices specifically identified by management.

Depreciation

Depreciation for fixed assets is taken on a straight-line basis over the expected life of each fixed asset. This method meets the generally accepted accounting principles requirement of being systematic and rational.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, each participating cost-sharing employer is required to report its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, related expense, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources. SBCERS actuaries calculated these amounts in accordance with the parameters of GASB 75.

### Net Pension Liability

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, each participating cost-sharing employer is required to report its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, pension expense, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources. SBCERS actuaries calculated these amounts in accordance with the parameters of GASB 68.

### **Audit Adjustments and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Audit adjustments, other than those that are clearly trivial, proposed by us and recorded by the District are shown in the attached list of Recorded Audit Adjustments.

There are no uncorrected misstatements.

### **Substantial Doubt About the Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern**

The basic financial statements were prepared on the assumption that the District will continue as a going concern.

### **Other Information Included in Annual Reports**

Our responsibility for other information included in annual reports is to read the information and consider whether its content or the manner of its presentation is materially inconsistent with the financial information covered by our auditor's report, whether it contains a material misstatement of fact or whether the other information is otherwise misleading. We read the District's introductory and statistical sections and agreed, when possible, underlying data into the audited basic financial statements. We did not identify material inconsistencies with the audited basic financial statements.

### **Internal Control Matters and Compliance Findings**

We have separately communicated in a letter dated January 7, 2025 any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting and applicable noncompliance identified during our audit of the basic financial statements, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Observations About the Audit Process**

#### *Disagreements with Management*

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.



*Consultations with Other Accountants*

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

*Significant Issues Discussed with Management*

No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

*Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

*Difficult or Contentious Matters That Required Consultation*

We did not encounter any significant and difficult or contentious matters that required consultation outside the engagement team.

**Shared Responsibilities for Independence**

Independence is a joint responsibility and is managed most effectively when management, audit committees, and audit firms work together in considering compliance with AICPA and *Government Accountability Office* (GAO) independence rules. For Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP (BPW) to fulfill its professional responsibility to maintain and monitor independence, management, the audit committee, and BPW each play an important role.

*Our Responsibilities*

1. AICPA and GAO rules require independence both of mind and in appearance when providing audit and other attestation services. BPW is to ensure that the AICPA and GAO's General Requirements for performing non-attest services are adhered to and included in all letters of engagement.
2. Maintain a system of quality control over compliance with independence rules and firm policies.

*The Organization's Responsibilities*

1. Timely inform BPW, before the effective date of transactions or other business changes, of the following:
  - a. New affiliates, directors, officers, or person in financial reporting and compliance oversight roles.



- b. Changes in the reporting entity impacting affiliates such as subsidiaries, partnerships, related entities, investments, joint ventures, or jointly governed organizations.
2. Provide necessary information such as new or updated structure charts, as well as financial information required to perform materiality calculations.
3. Understand and conclude on the permissibility, prior to the District and its affiliates, officers, directors, or persons in a decision-making capacity, engaging in business relationships with BPW.
4. Not entering into arrangements of non-audit services resulting in BPW being involved in making management decisions on behalf of the Organization.
5. Not entering into relationships resulting in BPW, BPW covered persons or their close family members, temporarily or permanently acting as an officer, director, or person in an accounting, financial reporting or compliance oversight role at the Organization.

**Certain Written Representations Between Management and Our Firm**

In conjunction with the audit of the financial statements, we have been provided a letter of certain representations from management dated January 7, 2025.

**Conclusion**

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

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing matters. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District.

Very truly yours,



**BARTLETT, PRINGLE & WOLF, LLP**  
*Certified Public Accountants and Consultants*

Year End: June 30, 2024  
 Journal Entries: Adjusting  
 Date: 7/1/2023 To 6/30/2024

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Number	Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit	Recurrence	Misstatement	
4	6/30/2024	Retiree Medical OPEB	6475				167,024.00			
4	6/30/2024	OPEB Asset	BPW8			236,941.00				
4	6/30/2024	Deferred Outflows - OPEB	BPW18				69,917.00			
		Entry to record current year OPEB activity								Factual
6	6/30/2024	Retirement Contribution	6400				507,224.00			
6	6/30/2024	Net Pension Liability	BPW11				92,612.00			
6	6/30/2024	Deferred Inflows - GASB 68	BPW12			474,527.00				
6	6/30/2024	Deferred Outflows - GASB 68	BPW13			125,309.00				
		To record impact of changes in GASB 68 for FYE 6/30/24								Factual
8	6/30/2024	Structures & Structure Improvements	8200				2,070,141.00			
8	6/30/2024	Equipment	8300				90,303.00			
8	6/30/2024	Equipment	BPW3			90,303.00				
8	6/30/2024	Construction in Progress	BPW23			2,070,141.00				
		Entry to record capital outlay into the balance sheet in order to present government-wide reporting								Factual
9	6/30/2024	Equipment	BPW3				57,246.00			
9	6/30/2024	Depreciation Expense	BPW5			231,725.00				
9	6/30/2024	A/D - Furniture	BPW14				32,324.00			
9	6/30/2024	A/D - Equipment	BPW15				199,260.00			
9	6/30/2024	A/D - Equipment	BPW15			57,246.00				
9	6/30/2024	A/D - Software	BPW21				141.00			
		Entry to reflect current year depreciation expense and asset disposals								Factual
10	6/30/2024	Accrued Salaries & Benefits	6990			5,433.00				
10	6/30/2024	Compensated Absences Accrual	BPW10				5,433.00			
		Entry to reflect the change in compensated absences accrual								Factual
12	6/30/2024	Rents/Leases-Structure	7580				88,086.00			
12	6/30/2024	Right of Use Asset - Leases	BPW27			2,358,205.00				
12	6/30/2024	Lease Liability - Noncurrent	BPW28				1,978,958.00			
12	6/30/2024	Interest Expense - Leases	BPW30			65,542.00				
12	6/30/2024	Amortization Expense - Right to Use Asset	BPW31			118,901.00				
12	6/30/2024	Accumulated Amortization - Right to Use Asset	BPW32				475,604.00			
		To record current year San Antonio lease liability activity								Factual
						<b>5,834,273.00</b>	<b>5,834,273.00</b>			

Net Income (Loss) 3,532,779.00