

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority

Hawthorne, California

Annual Financial Report

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022





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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



To the Board of Directors
of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Hawthorne, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (the "Authority") as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Authority, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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 ("*Government Auditing Standards*"). 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 Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority'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.

Auditors' 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 opinion. 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 Authority'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 Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the New Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Contributions – Pensions, Schedule of Changes in Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratio, and Schedule of Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits 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 GAAS, 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 Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2023 on our consideration of the Authority'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 Authority'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 the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of activities and financial performance of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (Authority) provides an introduction to the financial statements of the Authority for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the basic financial statements and related notes, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- In 2023, the Authority's net position increased 32.29%, or \$1,266,476, due primarily to a larger than expected number of vacancies from resignations and retirements. In addition, the net pension liability increased approximately \$5.5 million due to a negative investment return of -7.5% reported by CalPERS; the expected rate of return was 7.15% resulting in a loss of 14.65%. The CalPERS discount rate (expected rate of return) was also lowered 25 basis points from 7.15% to 6.9%, which contributes to the increase in the net pension liability.
- In 2022, the Authority's net position increased 28.95%, or \$880,670, due primarily to a reduction of \$4 million in the net pension liability as a result of better than expected investment returns for the measurement date 6/30/21, and a reduction of \$1.1 million in the net other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability as a result of the use of a higher discount rate of 5.5% due to the Authority's prefunding plan with the CERBT trust (the 2.21% municipal bond rate was used before the trust was established and funded).
- In 2023, the Authority's operating revenues increased 5.39% or \$668,232, as a result of an increase in assessments due to budgeted increases for salaries and benefits, and supplies, services, and equipment.
- In 2022, the Authority's operating revenues increased 15.55% or \$1,668,642, due to member cities' use of unrestricted balance in the Enterprise Fund to offset assessments in FY21. FY22 includes receipt of the full amount of assessments per the Cost Allocation Policy.
- In 2023, the Authority's operating expenses increased 4.45% or \$476,559, due primarily to budgeted increases for salaries and benefits, and supplies, services, and equipment.
- In 2022, the Authority's operating expenses decreased 8.12% or \$947,297 due primarily as a result of the GASB68 accounting entry for pension expense. FY22 experienced a GASB68 pension income entry of approximately half a million dollars.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's financial statements. The financial statements are comprised of two components: 1) financial statements and, 2) notes to financial statements.

This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the financial statements themselves. The financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Authority's assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflow of resources with the difference between the four 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 Authority is improving or deteriorating.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (Continued)
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The *statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position* presents information showing how net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. 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. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave).

The *statement of cash flows* presents information showing the sources and uses of cash related to operating activities, noncapital financing activities, capital and related financing activities and investing activities. In addition, the statement provides information about significant non-cash investing, capital and financing activities.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Authority

One of the most important questions asked about the Authority's finances is, "*Is the Authority better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?*" The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the Authority in a way that helps answer this question.

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Authority's *net position* and changes in them. One can think of the Authority's net position – the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – as a way to measure the Authority's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the Authority's net position are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions.

Condensed Statements of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 7,070,554	\$ 5,896,252	\$ 5,514,814
Capital assets, net	7,227,097	7,959,624	8,688,104
Total assets	<u>14,297,651</u>	<u>13,855,876</u>	<u>15,100,031</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>5,674,146</u>	<u>3,432,657</u>	<u>3,129,376</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	445,465	744,391	1,305,328
Noncurrent liabilities	12,214,131	6,843,868	12,000,032
Total liabilities	<u>12,659,596</u>	<u>7,588,259</u>	<u>13,305,360</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,123,049</u>	<u>5,777,598</u>	<u>984,928</u>
Net position:			
Investment in capital assets	7,227,097	7,959,624	8,688,104
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(2,037,945)</u>	<u>(4,036,948)</u>	<u>(5,646,098)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 5,189,152</u>	<u>\$ 3,922,676</u>	<u>\$ 3,042,006</u>

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As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Authority exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$5,189,152 and \$3,922,676 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

By far the largest portion of the Authority's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Authority uses these capital assets to provide services to its members and client agencies; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

At the end of fiscal year 2023 and 2022, the Authority shows a negative balance in its unrestricted net position of (\$2,037,945) and (\$4,036,948) respectively, which is due primarily to the net pension liability on the statement of net position of \$9,654,226 and \$4,140,085, and the net other post-employment benefits liability of \$2,245,600 and \$2,309,880, respectively. The Executive Committee in collaboration with the Board of Directors, have taken action to reserve aspects of the unrestricted net position for specified purposes such as operating reserves and future other post-employment benefits funding. During fiscal year 2021, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Section 115 Trust to prefund other post-employment benefits. The Board of Directors also approved an initial transfer to the trust of \$250,000 from reserves previously held in the Authority's Enterprise Fund for this purpose. In fiscal year 2022, the Board of Directors amended the Authority's budget policy to allow ongoing funding for both pension and OPEB unfunded liabilities.

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Revenues:			
Operating revenues	\$ 13,068,123	\$ 12,399,891	\$ 10,725,579
Non-operating revenues	128,654	(64,598)	14,179
Total revenues	<u>13,196,777</u>	<u>12,335,293</u>	<u>10,739,758</u>
Expenses:			
Operating expenses	11,191,979	10,715,420	11,662,716
Depreciation expense	738,322	739,203	705,423
Total expenses	<u>11,930,301</u>	<u>11,454,623</u>	<u>12,368,139</u>
Change in net position	<u>1,266,476</u>	<u>880,670</u>	<u>(1,628,381)</u>
Net Position:			
Beginning of year	<u>3,922,676</u>	<u>3,042,006</u>	<u>4,670,387</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 5,189,152</u>	<u>\$ 3,922,676</u>	<u>\$ 3,042,006</u>

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position shows how the Authority's net position changed during the fiscal year. In the case of the Authority, net position increased by \$1,266,476 and \$880,670, respectively, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

In 2023, a closer examination of the sources of changes in net position reveals that the Authority's total revenues increased by \$861,484 due primarily to the collection of the full assessment amounts as calculated using the Cost Allocation Policy and an increase in investment earnings from funds deposited with the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

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In 2022, a closer examination of the sources of changes in net position reveals that the Authority's total revenues increased by \$1,595,535 due primarily to the collection of the full assessment amounts as calculated using the Cost Allocation Policy. Member cities utilized surplus funds from the prior budget year in FY21 to reduce assessment amounts.

Capital Asset Administration

Capital assets balances consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Non-depreciable assets	\$ 495,554	\$ 495,554
Depreciable assets	15,716,640	15,711,962
Accumulated depreciation	(8,985,097)	(8,247,892)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 7,227,097	\$ 7,959,624

The capital asset activities of the Authority are summarized above and in Note 3 to the basic financial statements.

Conditions Affecting Current Financial Position

The operations of the Authority are funded by assessments from its members. Changes in the economy are unlikely to directly impact the Authority. Management is not aware of past, present or future conditions that would have a significant impact on the Authority's financial position and/or net position.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the Authority's funding sources, customers, stakeholders and other interested parties with an overview of the Authority's financial operations and financial condition. Questions regarding the information included in this report, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, 4440 West Broadway, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Statements of Net Position
June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Business-Type Activities	
ASSETS	2023	2022
Current assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 6,508,629	\$ 5,310,354
Accounts receivable	336,571	416,870
Accrued interest receivable	56,519	10,656
Prepaid items	7,302	7,089
Materials and supplies inventory	161,533	151,283
Total current assets	7,070,554	5,896,252
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets, not being depreciated	495,554	495,554
Capital assets, being depreciated, net	6,731,543	7,464,070
Total noncurrent assets	7,227,097	7,959,624
Total assets	14,297,651	13,855,876
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	4,575,421	2,303,161
Deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits	1,098,725	1,129,496
Total deferred outflows of resources	5,674,146	3,432,657
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	198,864	114,015
Accrued salaries and benefits	141,833	499,075
Compensated absences, due within one year	104,768	131,301
Total current liabilities	445,465	744,391
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Compensated absences, due within more than one year	314,305	393,903
Net pension liability	9,654,226	4,140,085
Net other postemployment benefits liability	2,245,600	2,309,880
Total noncurrent liabilities	12,214,131	6,843,868
Total liabilities	12,659,596	7,588,259
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	468,938	3,992,723
Deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits	1,654,111	1,784,875
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,123,049	5,777,598
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets	7,227,097	7,959,624
Unrestricted (deficit)	(2,037,945)	(4,036,948)
Total net position	\$ 5,189,152	\$ 3,922,676

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Business-Type Activities	
	2023	2022
Operating revenues:		
Assessments revenues	\$ 12,000,654	\$ 11,371,863
Charges for services	995,521	922,917
Reimbursement revenue	56,412	76,804
Other revenue	15,536	28,307
Total operating revenues	13,068,123	12,399,891
Operating expenses:		
Administration	2,048,840	1,661,282
Operations	7,364,078	7,530,561
Technical services	1,738,357	1,504,027
Other projects	40,704	19,550
Depreciation expense	526,716	527,597
Depreciation expense - grant funded	211,606	211,606
Total operating expenses	11,930,301	11,454,623
Operating Income	1,137,822	945,268
Nonoperating revenues and (loss):		
Investment income (loss)	-	(59,172)
Interest received	128,654	20,953
Intergovernmental revenue	-	29,750
Loss on disposal of assets	-	(56,129)
Total nonoperating revenues (loss)	128,654	(64,598)
Changes in net position	1,266,476	880,670
Net position:		
Beginning of year	3,922,676	3,042,006
End of year	\$ 5,189,152	\$ 3,922,676

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Business-Type Activities	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash receipts for dispatching services	\$ 13,148,422	\$ 11,986,204
Cash paid to vendors and suppliers for materials and services	(2,340,720)	(3,308,361)
Cash paid for salaries and wages	(9,686,423)	(8,269,730)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,121,279	408,113
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Intergovernmental revenue	-	29,750
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	-	29,750
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of capital assets	(5,795)	(66,852)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(5,795)	(66,852)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	82,791	(44,880)
Net cash provided (used in) by investing activities	82,791	(44,880)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,198,275	326,131
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	5,310,354	4,984,223
End of year	\$ 6,508,629	\$ 5,310,354
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ 1,137,822	\$ 945,268
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	738,322	739,203
Operating assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	80,299	11,222
(Increase) decrease prepaid items	(213)	6,286
(Increase) decrease materials and supplies inventory	(10,250)	(66,154)
(Increase) decrease pensions related deferred outflows of resources	(2,272,260)	(103,488)
(Increase) decrease OPEB related deferred outflows of resources	30,771	(199,793)
Increase (decrease) accounts payable and accrued expenses	84,849	(224,925)
Increase (decrease) accrued salaries and benefits	(357,242)	92,027
Increase (decrease) member deposits and unearned revenue	-	(424,909)
Increase (decrease) compensated absences	(106,131)	(12,518)
Increase (decrease) net pension liability	5,514,141	(3,985,009)
Increase (decrease) net other postemployment benefits liability	(64,280)	(1,161,767)
Increase (decrease) pensions related deferred inflows of resources	(3,523,785)	3,533,889
Increase (decrease) OPEB related deferred inflows of resources	(130,764)	1,258,781
Total adjustments	(16,543)	(537,155)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,121,279	\$ 408,113

See accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity

The South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (the “Authority”) was organized on October 14, 1975, under the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the Government Code of the State of California. The purpose of the Authority is to provide a forum for discussion, study, development, implementation, operations, and maintenance of a consolidated regional public safety services communications system. At the present time, the Authority serves the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, and Manhattan Beach in the aforementioned capacity. Additionally, the Authority serves the Cities of Culver City, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo in a non-member capacity.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) commonly referred to as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting standards.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and statement of cash flows) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. The Authority accounts for its operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through member assessments and charges for services; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

The 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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as all eligibility requirements have been met. Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, the Authority considers cash and cash equivalents as cash on hand, demands deposits and short-term investments with original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
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Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investments

Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as investment income reported for that fiscal year. Investment income includes interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation or sale of investments.

Accounts Receivable

Management deems all accounts receivable as collectible at year-end. Accordingly, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been reported. Historical experience indicates that uncollectible accounts receivable is immaterial.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs or deposits applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the basic financial statements.

Materials and Supplies Inventory

Materials and supplies inventory consist primarily of equipment for police vehicles such as sirens, modems, light fixtures and wire harness. Inventory is valued at cost using a weighted average cost method. Inventory items are charged to expense at the time that individual items are inventoried at year-end.

Capital Assets

Capital assets acquired and/or constructed are capitalized at historical cost. The Authority's policy has set the capitalization threshold for reporting capital assets at \$5,000. Donated assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. Upon retirement or other disposition of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective balances and any gains or losses are recognized. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets. The estimated useful life of buildings, automobiles, property, and equipment ranges from five to forty years.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

The Statement of Net Position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, when applicable.

Deferred Outflows of Resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods.

Deferred Inflows of Resources represent acquisition of net position that applies to future periods.

Compensated Absences

The Authority accounts for compensated absences (unpaid vacation, compensatory time and holiday leave) in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The Authority is required to accrue a liability, with a corresponding charge to current operations, for employees' right to receive compensation in future years when certain conditions are met. The Authority accrues unpaid vacation, compensatory time and holiday leave.

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Pensions

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

The following timeframes are used for pension reporting:

For the year ended June 30, 2023

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Period	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

For the year ended June 30, 2022

Valuation Date	June 30, 2020
Measurement Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Period	July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Gains and losses related to changes in total pension liability and fiduciary net position are recognized in pension expense systematically over time. The first amortized amounts are recognized in pension expense for the year the gain or loss occurs. The remaining amounts are categorized as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and are to be recognized in future pension expense. The amortization period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss. The difference between projected and actual earnings is amortized straight-line over 5 years. All other amounts are amortized straight-line over the average expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with benefits (active, inactive and retirees) as of the beginning of the measurement period.

Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Authority’s OPEB Plans and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plans’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The following timeframes are used for OPEB reporting:

For the year ended June 30, 2023

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Period	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

For the year ended June 30, 2022

Valuation Date	June 30, 2020
Measurement Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Period	July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

Gains and losses related to changes in total OPEB liability and fiduciary net position are recognized in OPEB expense systematically over time. The first amortized amounts are 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 amortization period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss. The difference between projected and actual earnings is amortized using the straight-line method over 5 years. All other amounts are amortized straight-line over the average expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with benefits (active, inactive, and retired) as of the beginning of the measurement period.

Net Position

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

Investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on net position imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. There is no restricted net position reported by the Authority at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Unrestricted – This component of net position is the amount of the assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of investments in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

When expenses are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted components of net position are available, the policy is to apply the restricted component of net position first, then the unrestricted component of net position as needed.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

Cash and Cash Equivalent at June 30, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 500	\$ 500
Demand deposits with financial institutions	570,713	800,229
Investments	5,937,416	4,509,625
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 6,508,629</u>	<u>\$ 5,310,354</u>

Demand Deposits

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the carrying amount of the Authority’s demand deposits was \$570,713 and \$800,229, respectively, and the financial institution balance was \$735,068 and \$873,262, respectively. The differences of \$164,355 and \$73,033 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, represent outstanding checks, deposits-in-transit and/or other reconciling items.

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Note 2 – Cash and Investments (Continued)

Demand Deposits (Continued)

The California Government Code requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure an entity's deposits by pledging government securities with a value of 110% of an entity's deposits. California law also allows financial institutions to secure entity deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of an entity's total deposits. The entity's Treasurer may waive the collateral requirement for deposits which are fully insured up to \$250,000 by the FDIC.

The collateral for deposits in federal and state-chartered banks is held in safekeeping by an authorized agent of depository recognized by the State of California Department of Banking. The collateral for deposits with savings and loan associations is generally held in safekeeping by the Federal Home Loan Bank in San Francisco, California as an agent of depository. These securities are physically held in an undivided pool for all California public agency depositors. Under Government Code Section 53655, the placement of securities by a bank or savings and loan association with an agent of depositor has the effect of perfecting the security interest in the name of the local governmental agency. Accordingly, all collateral held by California agents of depository are considered to be held for, and in the name of, the local government.

Authorized Investments and Investment Policy

The Authority has adopted an investment policy directing the Fiscal Officer to deposit funds in financial institutions. Investments are to be made in the following areas:

U.S. Treasuries	No limit
U.S. Federal Agencies	33-1/3% maximum for each agency; 60% maximum overall
Non-Negotiable certificates of deposit	20% maximum
Negotiable certificates of deposit	20% maximum
LAIF	No limit
County Treasury Pool	50% maximum

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority's investment policy requires that collateral be held by an independent third party with whom the Authority has a current custodial agreement.

The custodial credit risk for *investments* is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority's investment policy requires that all security transactions are conducted on a delivery-versus-payment (DVP) method and that all securities are held by a qualified, third-party custodian, as evidenced by safekeeping receipts. The trust department of the Authority's bank may act as third-party custodian, provided that the custodian agreement is separate from the banking agreement. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as LAIF).

As of June 30, 2023, and 2022 none of the Authority's deposits and investments was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalent (Continued)

Investments

The Authority’s investments as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

Investments	Credit Rating	Maturity - 12 Months or Less	
		June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Not Rated	\$ 5,937,416	\$ 4,509,625

Investment in California – Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

The Authority is a voluntary participant in LAIF which is regulated by California Government Code Section 16429 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The fair value of the Authority’s investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the entity’s pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. Further information about LAIF is available on the California State Controller’s website: www.treasurer.ca.gov/pmia-laif/

The Authority’s investments with LAIF at June 30, 2023 and 2022, included a portion of the pool funds invested in structured notes and asset-backed securities:

Structured Notes: debt securities (other than asset-backed securities) whose cash flow characteristics (coupon rate, redemption amount, or stated maturity) depend upon one or more indices and/or that have embedded forwards or options.

Asset-Backed Securities: generally, mortgage-backed securities that entitle their purchasers to receive a share of the cash flows from a pool of assets such as principal and interest repayments from a pool of mortgages (for example, Collateralized Mortgage Obligations) or credit card receivables.

The Authority had \$5,937,416 and \$4,509,625 invested in LAIF. The LAIF had invested 2.78% and 1.88% of the LAIF pooled investment funds at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, in structured notes and medium-term asset-backed securities. The investment in LAIF is reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

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Note 3 – Capital Assets

A summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable assets:				
Land and easements	\$ 495,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495,554
Total nondepreciable assets	495,554	-	-	495,554
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings and improvements	6,389,356	-	-	6,389,356
Vehicles and equipment	9,322,606	5,795	(1,117)	9,327,284
Total depreciable assets	15,711,962	5,795	(1,117)	15,716,640
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(3,292,442)	(179,098)	-	(3,471,540)
Vehicles and equipment	(4,955,450)	(559,224)	1,117	(5,513,557)
Total accumulated depreciation	(8,247,892)	(738,322)	1,117	(8,985,097)
Total depreciable assets, net	7,464,070	(732,527)	-	6,731,543
Total capital assets, net	\$ 7,959,624	\$ (732,527)	\$ -	\$ 7,227,097

Depreciation Expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was charged as follows:

Authority depreciable assets	\$ 526,716
UASI Grant and other equipments	211,606
	<u>\$ 738,322</u>

A summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2022 is as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2021	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2022
Nondepreciable assets:				
Land and easements	\$ 495,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495,554
Total nondepreciable assets	495,554	-	-	495,554
Depreciable assets:				
Buildings and improvements	6,389,356	-	-	6,389,356
Vehicles and equipment	9,411,846	66,852	(156,092)	9,322,606
Total depreciable assets	15,801,202	66,852	(156,092)	15,711,962
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(3,113,344)	(179,098)	-	(3,292,442)
Vehicles and equipment	(4,495,308)	(560,105)	99,963	(4,955,450)
Total accumulated depreciation	(7,608,652)	(739,203)	99,963	(8,247,892)
Total depreciable assets, net	8,192,550	(672,351)	(56,129)	7,464,070
Total capital assets, net	\$ 8,688,104	\$ (672,351)	\$ (56,129)	\$ 7,959,624

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Note 3 – Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation Expense for the year ended June 30, 2022 was charged as follows:

Authority depreciable assets	\$ 527,597
UASI Grant and other equipments	<u>211,606</u>
	<u>\$ 739,203</u>

Note 4 – Compensated Absences

A summary of changes in compensated absences for the year ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due within One Year</u>	<u>Due in More Than One Year</u>
June 30, 2023	\$ 525,204	\$ 584,351	\$ (690,482)	\$ 419,073	\$ 104,768	\$ 314,305
June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 537,722</u>	<u>\$ 604,045</u>	<u>\$ (616,563)</u>	<u>\$ 525,204</u>	<u>\$ 131,301</u>	<u>\$ 393,903</u>

Note 5 – Deferred Compensation Savings Plan

For the benefit of its employees, the Authority participates in a 457 Deferred Compensation Program (Program). The purpose of this Program is to provide deferred compensation for public employees that elect to participate in the Program. Generally, eligible employees may defer receipt of a portion of their salary until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. Until the funds are paid or otherwise made available to the employee, the employee is not obligated to report the deferred salary for income tax purposes. Federal law requires deferred compensation assets to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participants. Accordingly, the Authority is in compliance with this legislation. Therefore, these assets are not the legal property of the Authority, and are not subject to claims of the Authority’s general creditors and are not included in the accompanying financial statements. Market value of all plan assets held in trust by Mission Square Retirement (formerly ICMA-RC Services, LLC) at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were \$6,668,198 and \$5,741,963, respectively.

Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Authority contributes to the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (“CalPERS”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. CalPERS acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating public entities within the State of California. A full description of the pension plan, benefit provisions, assumptions (for funding, but not accounting purposes), and membership information are listed in the June 30, 2021 and 2020 Annual Actuarial Valuation Reports. This report and CalPERS’ audited financial statements are publicly available reports that can be obtained at CalPERS’ website under Forms and Publications.

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plans (Continued)

Members Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, valuation dates, the following members were covered by the benefit terms:

Plan Members	2021			2020		
	Classic Tier 1	Classic Tier 2	PEPRA Tier 3	Classic Tier 1	Classic Tier 2	PEPRA Tier 3
Active members	32	6	29	38	6	23
Transferred and terminated members	77	11	25	75	11	24
Retired members and beneficiaries	78	2	-	74	1	-
Total plan members	187	19	54	187	18	47

Benefits Provided

CalPERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. A classic CalPERS member becomes eligible for Service Retirement upon attainment of age 55 with at least five (5) years of credited service. Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) miscellaneous members become eligible for service retirement upon attainment of age 62 with at least five (5) years of service. The service retirement benefit is a monthly allowance equal to the product of the benefit factor, years of service, and final compensation. The final compensation is the highest average annual compensation during any consecutive 12-or 36-month period of employment. Retirement benefits for classic miscellaneous employees are calculated as 2% of the highest average annual compensation during any consecutive 12-or 36-month period of employment. Retirement benefits for PEPRA miscellaneous employees are calculated as 2% of the average final three (3) year compensation.

Participant is eligible for non-industrial disability retirement if they become disabled and has at least five (5) years of credited service. There is no special age requirement. The standard non-industrial disability retirement benefit is a monthly allowance equal to 1.8% of final compensation, multiplied by service. Industrial disability benefits are not offered to miscellaneous employees.

An employee's beneficiary may receive the basic death benefit if the employee dies while actively employed. The employee must be actively employed with the Authority to be eligible for this benefit. An employee's survivor who is eligible for any other pre-retirement death benefit may choose to receive that death benefit instead of this basic death benefit. The basic death benefit is a lump sum in the amount of the employee's accumulated contributions, where interest is currently credited at 7.5% per year, plus a lump sum in the amount of one month salary for each completed year of current service, up to a maximum of six months' salary. For purposes of this benefit, one month salary is defined as the member's average monthly full-time rate of compensation during the 12 months preceding death.

Upon the death of a retiree, a one-time lump sum payment of \$500 will be made to the retiree's designated survivor(s), or to the retiree's estate.

Benefit terms provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to each employee's retirement allowance. Beginning the second calendar year after the year of retirement, retirement and survivor allowances will be annually adjusted on a compound basis by 2%.

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plans (Continued)

Contributions

Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees’ Retirement Law (PERL) requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers will be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through CalPERS’ annual actuarial valuation process. The public agency cost-sharing plans covered by the Miscellaneous risk pool, the Plan’s actuarially determined rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to pay the Plan’s allocated share of the risk pool’s costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, and any unfunded accrued liability. The employer is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of members.

For the measurement period ended June 30, 2022, the active member contribution rates for the Classic Miscellaneous Plan Tier 1, Tier 2 and the PEPRA Miscellaneous Plan are 7.00%, 7.00% and 6.75% of annual pay, respectively, and the employer contribution rates are 10.88%, 8.65% and 7.59% of annual payroll, respectively.

For the measurement period ended June 30, 2021, the active member contribution rates for the Classic Miscellaneous Plan Tier 1, Tier 2 and the PEPRA Miscellaneous Plan are 7.00%, 7.00% and 6.75% of annual pay, respectively, and the employer contribution rates are 11.031%, 8.794% and 7.732% of annual payroll, respectively.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine the Total Pension Liability

The June 30, 2021 and 2020 valuations were rolled forward to determine the June 30, 2022 and 2021 total pension liabilities, based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal in accordance with the requirements of GASB 68
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Discount Rate	6.90% for June 30, 2022 and 7.15% for June 30, 2021
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Mortality Rate Table ¹	Derived using CalPERS’ Membership Data for all Funds.
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.30% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies

¹The mortality table used in 2022 was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 2001 to 2019. Pre-retirement and Post-retirement mortality rates include generational mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions report from November 2021 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

The mortality table used in 2021 was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2017 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 1997 to 2015. Pre-retirement and Post-retirement mortality rates include 15 years of projected mortality improvement using 90% of Scale MP-2016 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions report from December 2017 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans (Continued)

Change of Assumption

Changes of Assumptions: Effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation date (2022 measurement date), the accounting discount rate was reduced from 7.15% to 6.90%. In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Projected returns for all asset classes are estimated, combined with risk estimates, and are used to project compound (geometric) returns over the long term. The discount rate used to discount liabilities was informed by the long-term projected portfolio return. In addition, demographic assumptions and the inflation rate assumption were changed in accordance with the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions.

In 2021, there were no changes of assumptions.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all of the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11+ years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the rounded single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equal to the single equivalent rate calculated above and adjusted to account for assumed administrative expenses.

The expected real rates of return by asset class are as followed:

Asset Class	2022	
	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return Years 1 - 10 ^{1, 2}
Global equity - cap-weighted	30.00%	4.45%
Global equity non-cap-weighted	12.00%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.00%	7.28%
Treasury	5.00%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.00%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.00%	1.56%
High Yield	5.00%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.00%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.00%	3.57%
Real assets	15.00%	3.21%
Leverage	-5.00%	-0.59%
	100.00%	

¹An Expected inflation of 2.30% used for this period

²Figures are based on the 2021 Asset Liability Management study.

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)

Asset Class ¹	2021		
	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return Years 1 - 10 ²	Real Return Years 11+ ³
Public Equity	50.00%	4.80%	5.98%
Fixed Income	28.00%	1.00%	2.62%
Inflation Assets	0.00%	0.77%	1.81%
Private Equity	8.00%	6.30%	7.23%
Real Estate	13.00%	3.75%	4.93%
Liquidity	1.00%	0.00%	-0.92%
	100.00%		

¹In the CalPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Fixed Income is included in Global Debt Securities; Liquidity is included in Short-Term Investments; Inflation Assets are included in both Global Equity Securities and Global

²An Expected inflation of 2.00% used for this period

³An Expected inflation of 2.92% used for this period

Discount Rate

The discount rates used to measure the 2022 and 2021 total pension liabilities were 6.90 and 7.15 percent, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan as of the measurement date, calculated using the discount rates of 6.90% and 7.15% for the June 30, 2022 and 2021 Measurement Date, respectively, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (5.90% and 6.15%) or 1 percentage-point higher (7.90% and 8.15%) than the current rate as follows:

Measurement Date	Plan's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)		
	Discount Rate - 1% 5.90%	Current Discount Rate 6.90%	Discount Rate + 1% 7.90%
June 30, 2022	\$ 15,311,889	\$ 9,654,226	\$ 4,999,374
	Discount Rate - 1% 6.15%	Current Discount Rate 7.15%	Discount Rate + 1% 8.15%
June 30, 2021	\$ 9,157,603	\$ 4,140,085	\$ (7,826)

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial report and can be obtained from CalPERS’ website under Forms and Publications.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans (Continued)

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense

The following table shows the plan’s proportionate share of the risk pool collective net pension liability over the measurement period:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
Balance as of June 30, 2021 (Valuation Date)	\$ 38,002,605	\$ 33,862,520	\$ 4,140,085
Balance as of June 30, 2022 (Measurement Date)	41,503,408	31,849,182	9,654,226
Net Changes during 2021-2022	\$ 3,500,803	\$ (2,013,338)	\$ 5,514,141
Balance as of June 30, 2020 (Valuation Date)	\$ 35,786,116	\$ 27,661,022	\$ 8,125,094
Balance as of June 30, 2021 (Measurement Date)	38,002,605	33,862,520	4,140,085
Net Changes during 2020-2021	\$ 2,216,489	\$ 6,201,498	\$ (3,985,009)

The following is the approach established by the plan actuary to allocate the net pension liability and pension expense to the individual employers within the risk pool for the measurement periods ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

- (1) In determining a cost-sharing plan’s proportionate share, total amounts of liabilities and assets are first calculated for the risk pool as a whole on the valuation date (June 30, 2021 and 2020). The risk pool’s fiduciary net position (“FNP”) subtracted from its total pension liability (“TPL”) determines the net pension liability (“NPL”) at the valuation date.
- (2) Using standard actuarial roll forward methods, the risk pool TPL is then computed at the measurement date (June 30, 2022 and 2021). Risk pool FNP at the measurement date is then subtracted from this number to compute the NPL for the risk pool at the measurement date. For purposes of FNP in this step and any later reference thereto, the risk pool’s FNP at the measurement date denotes the aggregate risk pool’s FNP at June 30, 2022 and 2021 less the sum of all additional side fund (or unfunded liability) contributions made by all employers during the measurement periods (2021-2022 and 2020-2021).
- (3) The individual plan’s TPL, FNP and NPL are also calculated at the valuation date. TPL is allocated based on the rate plan’s share of the actuarial accrued liability. FNP is allocated based on the rate plan’s share of the market value assets.
- (4) Two ratios are created by dividing the plan’s individual TPL and FNP as of the valuation date from (3) by the amounts in step (1), the risk pool’s total TPL and FNP, respectively.

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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense (Continued)

(5) The plan’s TPL as of the measurement date is equal to the risk pool TPL generated in (2) multiplied by the TPL ratio generated in (4). The plan’s FNP as of the Measurement Date is equal to the FNP generated in (2) multiplied by the FNP ratio generated in (4) plus any additional side fund (or unfunded liability) contributions made by the employer on behalf of the plan during the measurement period.

(6) The plan’s NPL at the measurement date is the difference between the TPL and FNP calculated in (5).

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense is allocate based on the Authority’s share of risk pool actuarial accrued liability at the beginning of measurement period.

The Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability was as follows:

2023		2022	
Measurement Date		Measurement Date	
June 30, 2021	0.076550%	June 30, 2020	0.074680%
June 30, 2022	0.083580%	June 30, 2021	0.076550%
Change - Increase (Decrease)	0.007030%	Change - Increase (Decrease)	0.001870%

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Authority recognized pension expense in the amount of \$1,144,135 and \$872,586, respectively.

The amortization period differs depending on the source of the gain or loss. The difference between projected and actual earnings is amortized over 5-years straight line. All other amounts are amortized straight-line over the average expected remaining service lives of all members that are provided with benefits (active, inactive and retired) as of the beginning of the measurement period.

The expected average remaining service lifetime (“EARSL”) is calculated by dividing the total future service years by the total number of plan participants (active, inactive, and retired) in the risk pool. The EARSL for risk pool for the measurement date ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 are both 3.7 years, which was obtained by dividing the total service years of 574,665 and 561,622 (the sum of remaining service lifetimes of the active employees) by 153,587 and 150,648 (the total number of participants: active, inactive, and retired), respectively.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
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Note 6 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expenses, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plans (Continued)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	2023		2022	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Contributions made after the measurement date	\$ 1,426,039	\$ -	\$ 1,427,194	\$ -
Adjustment due to differences in proportions	197,832	-	411,700	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	193,875	(129,850)	464,267	-
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,768,398	-	-	(3,614,075)
Difference between actual and proportionate share of employer contributions	-	(339,088)	-	(378,648)
Changes in assumptions	989,277	-	-	-
Total Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources	\$ 4,575,421	\$ (468,938)	\$ 2,303,161	\$ (3,992,723)

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$1,426,039 and \$1,427,194 will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net pension liability in the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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

Year Ending June 30,	Deferred Outflows / (Inflows) of Resources	Year Ending June 30,	Deferred Outflows / (Inflows) of Resources
	2023		2022
2024	\$ 692,860	2023	\$ (632,825)
2025	587,004	2024	(687,080)
2026	318,969	2025	(798,108)
2027	1,081,611	2026	(998,743)
2028	-	2027	-
Thereafter	-	Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 2,680,444	Total	\$ (3,116,756)

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
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Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description

The Authority provides certain health insurance benefits, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with its retired employees. Employees, who retire directly from the Authority under CalPERS at age 50 (52 for miscellaneous PEPPRA) and have 5 years continuous service with the Authority, become eligible for benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Authority. The benefits for various bargaining groups are as follows:

Teamsters (Communications Operators):

- 10 years of service – will get \$200/mo. from retirement date till age 65
- 15 years of service – will get \$300/mo. from retirement date till age 65
- 20 years of service – will get \$500/mo. from retirement date till age 65

Those who retired prior to July 1, 2008, shall continue to receive \$582 per month, until age 65 as long as the Authority remains in the Public Employees’ Medical & Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA); if no longer in PEMHCA, they will receive above depending on years of service. This includes the minimum contribution required under Government Code Section 22892(b) of PEMHCA, \$151 and \$149 per month for 2023 and 2022 calendar year, respectively.

Teamsters (Communications Technicians):

- 10 years of service – will get \$200/mo. from retirement date till age 65
- 15 years of service – will get \$300/mo. from retirement date till age 65
- 20 years of service – will get \$500/mo. from retirement date till age 65

Those who retire prior to July 1, 2008, shall continue to receive \$960 per month, until age 65 as long as the Authority remains in PEMHCA; if no longer in PEMHCA, they will receive above depending on years of service. This includes the minimum contribution required under Government Code Section 22892(b) of PEMHCA, \$151 and \$149 per month for 2023 and 2022 calendar year, respectively.

CWA (Communications Supervisors):

- 15 years of service – will get \$250/mo. from retirement date till age 65
- 20 years of service – will get \$450/mo. from retirement date till age 65

Those who retire from the Authority before July 1, 2014 receive \$750 per month, until age 65 as long as the Authority remains in PEMHCA, or the above if no longer in PEMHCA. This includes the minimum contribution required under Government Code Section 22892(b) of PEMHCA, \$151 and \$149 per month for 2023 and 2022 calendar year, respectively.

On January 1, 2022, additional Authority contributions to tier 2 CWA group with 15+ years of service were increased by \$50 monthly.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
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Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)

Plan Description (Continued)

Management & Confidential

Management and confidential employees receive a benefit of \$40 times the number of years of service as a monthly benefit from their retirement date until the age of 65 (with minimum 10 years of service with the Authority). Those who retire before July 1, 2019 with a minimum 10 years of service shall receive \$960 per month until age 65 as long as the Authority remains in PEMHCA, or the above if no longer in PEMHCA. This includes the minimum contribution required under Government Code Section 22892(b) of PEMHCA, \$151 and \$149 per month for 2023 and 2022 calendar year, respectively.

All Bargaining Groups

The Authority currently contracts with CalPERS for employee group insurance health benefits. If the Authority should terminate its contract with CalPERS, all employees hired prior to April 1, 1986, who are ineligible to participate in Medicare and retire from a classification covered by the memorandum of understanding of each bargaining unit, are receiving retirement benefits from CalPERS and have a minimum of twenty (20) years of full-time employment, shall be entitled to enroll in an Authority-selected health benefit plan. The benefits provided in the health plan selected by the Authority shall equal or exceed the benefits the employee would have received had he/she been eligible to participate in Medicare. The Authority agrees to pay the cost of coverage for the plan in which the employee is enrolled. If the employee resides outside the State of California at the time of eligibility, the Authority agrees to pay the employee the cash equivalent of the cost of coverage for the plan in which the employee would have been enrolled had he/she lived in California. This benefit commences upon the employee reaching the age of 65, at which time he/she would have otherwise been eligible to participate in Medicare. The benefit shall cease if and when the employee becomes eligible to participate in Medicare or an equivalent Government health benefit program.

Employees Covered by the Benefit Term

The following employees were covered by the benefit terms at June 30, 2022 measurement date:

	2022
Active employees	57
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	17
Inactive employees entitled to, but not yet receiving benefits	8
Total	82

Contributions

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Authority is established and may be amended by the Authority’s Management or the Board of Directors. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the average contribution rate was not applicable. Employees are not required to contribute to the plan.

Net OPEB Liability

The Authority’s 2023 and 2022 net OPEB liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, and the total OPEB liabilities used to calculate the net OPEB liabilities were determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
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Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

Net OPEB Liability (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

Total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 measurement debt was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial Valuation Date	June 30, 2021																
Contribution Policy	Full actuarial determined contribution																
Discount Rate	5.75% at June 30, 2022 (pre-funded with CalPERS diversified trust Strategy 2) 5.50% at June 30, 2021 (pre-funded with CalPERS diversified trust Strategy 2)																
Expected Long-term Rate of Return on investment	Expected sufficient plan assets to pay all benefits from trust																
General Inflation	2.50% per annum																
Mortality, Retirement, Disability, Termination	CalPERS 1997-2015 Experience Study																
Mortality Improvement	Mortality projected fully generation with Scale MP2020 for post-retirement mortality																
Salary Increases	Aggregate 2.75% annually																
Medical Trend	Merit - CalPERS 1997-2015 Experience Study Non-Medicare - 6.75% for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.75% in 2076 and later years Medicare - 5.85% for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.75% in 2076 and later years																
PEHCA Minimum Increase	4.00% annually																
Participation at Retirement	Actives: Based on the supplemental benefit amount																
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Suppl Benefit	Participation	Suppl Benefit	Participation														
\$0-\$99	50.0%	\$300-\$499	85.0%														
\$100-\$199	75.0%	\$500+	90.0%														
\$200-\$299	80.0%																
Spouse Coverage	Retirees: Based on current coverage Actives: current election if covered, 20% if waived Retirees: current election																

Discount Rate

The discount rates of 5.75% and 5.50% were used during measurement periods June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The Authority assumed long-term inflation assumption of 2.50% to set the expected long-term net rate of return. The long-term expected real return are presented as geometric means.

Change of Assumptions

In 2022, discounted rate was updated based on new asset allocation.

The changes in assumptions in 2021 are due to the following:

- Discount rate was changed to expected long term rate of return on assets to reflect Authority's prefunding
- Decreased inflation, medical and PEMHCA minimum trends, and salary increases
- Medicare Advantage Plans age-related claims removed
- Mortality improvement scale was updated to Scale MP-2020

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

Change in Total OPEB Liability

	2023		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 2,560,062	\$ 250,182	\$ 2,309,880
Changes Recognized for the Measurement Period:			
Service Cost	99,215	-	99,215
Interest on the total OPEB liability	143,513	-	143,513
Change of benefit terms	7,172	-	7,172
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(74,924)	-	(74,924)
Contribution from the employer	-	292,863	(292,863)
Net investment income	-	(53,224)	53,224
Administrative expenses	-	(383)	383
Benefit payments	(99,884)	(99,884)	-
Net changes during measurement 2021-22	75,092	139,372	(64,280)
Balance at June 30, 2022 (measurement date)	<u>\$ 2,635,154</u>	<u>\$ 389,554</u>	<u>\$ 2,245,600</u>
	2022		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 3,471,647	\$ -	\$ 3,471,647
Changes Recognized for the Measurement Period:			
Service Cost	218,323	-	218,323
Interest on the total OPEB liability	80,605	-	80,605
Change of benefit terms	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	332,432	-	332,432
Changes in assumptions	(1,457,595)	-	(1,457,595)
Contribution from the employer	-	335,588	(335,588)
Net investment income	-	186	(186)
Administrative expenses	-	(242)	242
Benefit payments	(85,350)	(85,350)	-
Net changes during measurement 2020-2021	(911,585)	250,182	(1,161,767)
Balance at June 30, 2021 (measurement date)	<u>\$ 2,560,062</u>	<u>\$ 250,182</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,880</u>

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

Change in Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Authority, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate, for the measurement periods ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021:

Measurement Date	Plan's Total OPEB Liability		
	Discount Rate -1% (4.75%)	Current Discount Rate (5.75%)	Discount Rate +1% (6.75%)
June 30, 2022	\$ 2,565,928	\$ 2,245,600	\$ 1,975,471
Measurement Date	Discount Rate -1% (4.50%)	Current Discount Rate (5.50%)	Discount Rate +1% (6.50%)
June 30, 2021	\$ 2,629,148	\$ 2,309,880	\$ 2,041,310

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Authority, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates, for the measurement periods ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021:

Measurement Date	Plan's Total OPEB Liability		
	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate -1%	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate +1%
June 30, 2022	\$ 1,951,471	\$ 2,245,600	\$ 2,611,788
June 30, 2021	\$ 2,033,595	\$ 2,309,880	\$ 2,653,515

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Authority recognize OPEB expense in the amounts of \$130,951 and \$190,084, respectively. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Authority reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	2023		2022	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Contributions made after measurement date	\$ 295,224	\$ -	\$ 292,862	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	474,147	(1,460,291)	534,131	(1,563,367)
Differences between expected and actual experience	271,990	(193,820)	302,211	(221,508)
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	57,364	-	291	-
Total	\$ 1,098,725	\$ (1,654,111)	\$ 1,129,495	\$ (1,784,875)

The Expected Average remaining service Lifetime (“EARSL”) is calculated by dividing the total future service years by total number of covered participants in the plan. The EARSL for the plan at the beginning of measurement period June 30, 2021 is 10.9 years, which were obtained by dividing the total services years of 918 by 84 covered participants.

July 1, 2020 was not a valuation date and no census data was available to the actuary as of that date. Therefore, the average of the expected remaining service lives was estimated at 11.0 years.

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Note 7 – Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) (Continued)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Authority’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the amounts of \$295,224 and \$292,862 will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Year Ending June 30,	Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources 2023	Year Ending June 30,	Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources 2022
2024	\$ (101,123)	2023	\$ (108,536)
2025	(101,123)	2024	(108,536)
2026	(101,124)	2025	(108,536)
2027	(101,198)	2026	(108,537)
2028	(112,665)	2027	(108,609)
Thereafter	(333,377)	Thereafter	(405,488)
Total	<u>\$ (850,610)</u>	Total	<u>\$ (948,242)</u>

Note 8 – Conduit Debt

The Authority issued three series of bonds to finance the costs of acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of main facility with emergency communications equipment (the “Project”) in January 2001 on behalf of the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, and Manhattan Beach. The 2001 Revenue Bonds Series A in the amount of \$3,060,000 (Gardena), the 2001 Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds Series B in the amount of \$4,300,000 (Hawthorne), and the 2001 Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds Series C in the amount of \$2,180,000 (Manhattan Beach), are payable from the revenues derived primarily from project financing and operating revenues by the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, and Manhattan Beach, respectively.

In 2007, the Authority issued the 2007 Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series A in the amount of \$2,800,000 to fully refund the 2001 Revenue Bond Series A on behalf of the City of Gardena. The outstanding balances of the 2007 Refunding Revenue Bonds Series A were \$1,195,000 and \$1,315,000 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The 2001 Revenue Bonds, Series B, were fully refunded by the City of Hawthorne’s private placement in 2016. The 2001 Revenue Bonds, Series C, were paid off by the City of Manhattan Beach.

The bonds were not reflected as the Authority’s long-term debt because the debt is solely payable from and secured by specific revenue sources described in the official statement. Neither the faith and credit of the Authority, nor the taxing power of the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, is pledged for payment of these bonds. Accordingly, since this debt does not constitute an obligation of the Authority, it is not included in the accompanying basic financial statements.

Note 9 – Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of operations, the Authority is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. In the opinion of the Authority’s management, there is no pending litigation which is likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Authority.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Miscellaneous Plan

Measurement date	<u>June 30, 2014¹</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>0.059500%</u>	<u>0.059500%</u>	<u>0.064949%</u>	<u>0.067677%</u>	<u>0.068180%</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 4,084,007</u>	<u>\$ 4,084,007</u>	<u>\$ 5,620,134</u>	<u>\$ 6,711,657</u>	<u>\$ 6,570,432</u>
Authority's covered payroll	<u>\$ 4,485,167</u>	<u>\$ 4,665,871</u>	<u>\$ 4,773,439</u>	<u>\$ 5,184,067</u>	<u>\$ 5,270,919</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>91.06%</u>	<u>87.53%</u>	<u>117.74%</u>	<u>129.47%</u>	<u>124.65%</u>
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the plan's total pension liability	<u>79.82%</u>	<u>78.40%</u>	<u>74.06%</u>	<u>73.31%</u>	<u>75.26%</u>

¹ Historical information is presented only for measurement periods for after GASB 68 implementation in 2013-14.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios (Continued)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Miscellaneous Plan

Measurement date	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Authority's proportion of the net pension liability	<u>0.071590%</u>	<u>0.074680%</u>	<u>0.076550%</u>	<u>0.083580%</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 7,335,396</u>	<u>\$ 8,125,094</u>	<u>\$ 4,140,085</u>	<u>\$ 9,654,226</u>
Authority's covered payroll	<u>\$ 5,408,034</u>	<u>\$ 5,838,063</u>	<u>\$ 6,005,530</u>	<u>\$ 5,834,801</u>
Authority's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>135.64%</u>	<u>139.17%</u>	<u>68.94%</u>	<u>165.46%</u>
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the plan's total pension liability	<u>75.26%</u>	<u>75.10%</u>	<u>88.29%</u>	<u>76.68%</u>

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Contributions - Pensions
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Miscellaneous Plan

Fiscal Year	<u>2013-14¹</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 480,107	\$ 507,694	\$ 553,317	\$ 634,790	\$ 692,687
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(480,107)</u>	<u>(507,694)</u>	<u>(553,317)</u>	<u>(634,790)</u>	<u>(692,687)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Authority's covered payroll	<u>\$ 4,485,167</u>	<u>\$ 4,665,871</u>	<u>\$ 4,773,439</u>	<u>\$ 5,184,067</u>	<u>\$ 5,270,919</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>10.70%</u>	<u>10.88%</u>	<u>11.59%</u>	<u>12.25%</u>	<u>13.14%</u>

¹ Historical information is presented only for measurement periods after GASB 68 implementation in 2013-14.

Notes to the Schedule:

Change in Benefit Terms: There were no changes to benefit terms.

Change of Assumptions: In 2022, the discount rate was reduced from 7.15% to 6.90%. In addition, demographic assumptions and the inflation rate assumption were changed in accordance with the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions. In 2019 to 2021, there were no changes. In 2018, demographic assumptions and inflation rate were changed in accordance to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions December 2017. There were no changes in the discount rate. In 2017, the accounting discount rate reduced from 7.65 percent to 7.15 percent. In 2016, there were no changes. In 2015, amounts reported reflect an adjustment of the discount rate from 7.5 percent (net of administrative expense) to 7.65 percent (without a reduction for pension plan administrative expense. In 2014, amounts reported were based on the 7.5 percent discount rate.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Contributions - Pensions (Continued)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Miscellaneous Plan

Fiscal Year	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 807,058	\$ 957,115	\$ 1,078,691	\$ 1,145,330	\$ 1,164,476
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(807,095)</u>	<u>(957,115)</u>	<u>(1,078,691)</u>	<u>(1,427,194)</u>	<u>(1,426,039)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (37)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (281,864)</u>	<u>\$ (261,563)</u>
Authority's covered payroll	<u>\$ 5,408,034</u>	<u>\$ 5,838,063</u>	<u>\$ 6,005,530</u>	<u>\$ 5,834,801</u>	<u>\$ 5,250,822</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	<u>14.92%</u>	<u>16.39%</u>	<u>17.96%</u>	<u>24.46%</u>	<u>27.16%</u>

Notes to the Schedule:

Change in Benefit Terms: There were no changes to benefit terms.

Change of Assumptions: In 2022, the discount rate was reduced from 7.15% to 6.90%. In addition, demographic assumptions and the inflation rate assumption were changed in accordance with the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions. In 2019 to 2021, there were no changes. In 2018, demographic assumptions and inflation rate were changed in accordance to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions December 2017. There were no changes in the discount rate. In 2017, the accounting discount rate reduced from 7.65 percent to 7.15 percent. In 2016, there were no changes. In 2015, amounts reported reflect an adjustment of the discount rate from 7.5 percent (net of administrative expense) to 7.65 percent (without a reduction for pension plan administrative expense. In 2014, amounts reported were based on the 7.5 percent discount rate.

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South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Changes in Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Measurement Period	Last Ten Fiscal Years					
	2016-2017 ¹	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Total OPEB Liability						
Service Cost	\$ 163,778	\$ 143,129	\$ 138,260	\$ 156,598	\$ 218,323	\$ 99,215
Interest on the total OPEB liability	88,136	103,266	111,541	100,283	80,605	143,513
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	5,100	-	-	7,172
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	-	(304,572)	-	332,432	-
Changes in assumptions	(307,074)	(113,847)	117,179	547,573	(1,457,595)	(74,924)
Contribution from the employer	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(126,836)	(137,416)	(122,659)	(82,889)	(85,350)	(99,884)
Net changes in total OPEB liability	(181,996)	(4,868)	(55,151)	721,565	(911,585)	75,092
Total OPEB liability, beginning	2,992,097	2,810,101	2,805,233	2,750,082	3,471,647	2,560,062
Total OPEB liability, ending (a)	\$ 2,810,101	\$ 2,805,233	\$ 2,750,082	\$ 3,471,647	\$ 2,560,062	\$ 2,635,154
Plan fiduciary net position:						
Employer contribution	\$ 126,836	\$ 137,416	\$ 122,659	\$ 83,145	\$ 335,588	\$ 292,863
Employee contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	-	-	-	186	(53,224)
Administrative expenses	-	-	(232)	(256)	(242)	(383)
Benefit payments	(126,836)	(137,416)	(122,659)	(82,889)	(85,350)	(99,884)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net changes in fiduciary net position	-	-	(232)	-	250,182	139,372
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	-	-	-	-	-	250,182
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,182	\$ 389,554
Plan net OPEB liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 2,810,101	\$ 2,805,233	\$ 2,750,082	\$ 3,471,647	\$ 2,309,880	\$ 2,245,600
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.77%	14.80%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 5,996,321	\$ 7,010,558	\$ 6,722,179	\$ 7,264,866	\$ 6,322,182	\$ 6,425,816
Plan Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	46.86%	40.01%	40.91%	47.79%	36.54%	34.90%

¹Historical information is presented only for measurement periods after GASB 75 implementation in 2016-2017.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Other Postemployment Benefits ("OPEB")

Fiscal year	2016-17 ¹	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 126,836	\$ 140,536	\$ 122,891	\$ 83,145
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(126,836)	(140,536)	(122,891)	(83,145)
Contribution deficiency / (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$ 5,996,321	\$ 7,010,558	\$ 6,722,179	\$ 7,264,866
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	2.12%	2.00%	1.83%	1.14%

Notes to Schedule:	June 30, 2021
Valuation date:	Entry Age Normal
Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:	Level dollar
Actuarial Cost Method:	20-year fixed period for 2021/22
Amortization Method:	Market value of assets
Amortization Period:	2.50% per year
Asset Valuation Method:	5.50% at June 30, 2021 (pre-funded with CalPERS diversified trust Strategy 2)
Inflation:	2.21% at June 30, 2020 (Bond Buyer 20-year index)
Investment return/discount rate:	Non Medicare - 6.75% for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.75% in 2076 and later years
Medical Trend:	Medicare - 5.85% for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.75% in 2076 and later years
Mortality:	CalPERS 1997-2015 Experience Study
Mortality Improvement:	Mortality projected fully generational with Scale MP-2020

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Required Supplementary Information (Unaudited)
Schedule of Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)
For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Last Ten Fiscal Years

Other Postemployment Benefits ("OPEB")

Fiscal year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 85,588	\$ 298,470	\$ 300,428
Contribution in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(335,588)	(292,863)	(295,224)
Contribution deficiency / (excess)	\$ (250,000)	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,204
Authority's covered employee payroll	\$ 7,482,812	\$ 6,425,816	\$ 6,542,989
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	1.14%	4.64%	4.59%

Notes to Schedule:	June 30, 2021
Valuation date:	Entry Age Normal
Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:	Level dollar
Actuarial Cost Method:	20-year fixed period for 2021/22
Amortization Method:	Market value of assets
Amortization Period:	2.50% per year
Asset Valuation Method:	5.50% at June 30, 2021 (pre-funded with CalPERS diversified trust Strategy 2)
Inflation:	2.21% at June 30, 2020 (Bond Buyer 20-year index)
Investment return/discount rate:	Non Medicare - 6.75% for 2022, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.75% in 2076 and later years
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**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***

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority
Hawthorne, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (“*Government Auditing Standards*”), the financial statements of the business-type activities of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, California (the “Authority”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the Authority’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority’s internal control over financial reporting (“internal control”) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Authority’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Authority’s internal control.

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

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

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

The Per Group, LLP

Santa Ana, California
December 7, 2023