

**ROUGH AND READY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,
CALIFORNIA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Annual Financial Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

- **List of Officials**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

List of Officials

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Board of Directors

Tom Nelson	Chairman
Greg Osborn	Vice Chairman
Douglas Wittler	Director
Craig Ashcraft	Director
Kurt Schimmel	Director

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FINANCIAL SECTION

- **Independent Auditor's Report**
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rough and Ready Fire Protection District, California (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

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

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

To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtain 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

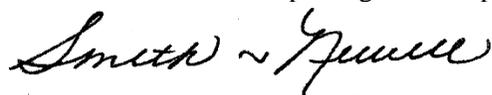
Other Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
June 25, 2024

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Basic Financial Statements

- **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 288,176
Receivables:	
Intergovernmental	7,380
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	605,357
Depreciable, net	<u>1,675,652</u>
Total capital assets	<u>2,281,009</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,576,565</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>28,311</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>28,311</u>
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	2,281,009
Restricted for capital projects	1,443
Unrestricted	<u>265,802</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,548,254</u>

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>		<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental activities:					
Public protection	\$ 496,468	\$ 135,383	\$ 55,380	\$ -	\$ (305,705)
Interest on long-term debt	14,330	-	-	-	(14,330)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>510,798</u>	<u>135,383</u>	<u>55,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(320,035)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 510,798</u>	<u>\$ 135,383</u>	<u>\$ 55,380</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(320,035)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
					299,795
					7,706
					56,301
					25,000
					<u>(89,421)</u>
					Total General Revenues and Special Items
					<u>299,381</u>
					Change in Net Position
					(20,654)
					<u>2,568,908</u>
					Net Position - Beginning
					<u>\$ 2,548,254</u>
					Net Position - Ending

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

Basic Financial Statements

- **Fund Financial Statements**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mitigation Fees</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$ 286,690	\$ 1,443	\$ 43	\$ 288,176
Receivables:				
Intergovernmental	7,380	-	-	7,380
Total Assets	<u>\$ 294,070</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 295,556</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 28,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,311
Total Liabilities	<u>28,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,311</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted	-	1,443	-	1,443
Committed	-	-	43	43
Unassigned	265,759	-	-	265,759
Total Fund Balances	<u>265,759</u>	<u>1,443</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>267,245</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 294,070</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 295,556</u>

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance
Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of
Net Position - Governmental Activities
June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 267,245
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	<u>2,281,009</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 2,548,254</u></u>

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Mitigation Fees</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes and assessments	\$ 433,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 433,805
Use of money and property	7,735	(28)	(1)	7,706
Intergovernmental	55,380	-	-	55,380
Mitigation fees	-	1,373	-	1,373
Other revenues	56,301	-	-	56,301
Total Revenues	<u>553,221</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>554,565</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current public protection:				
Salaries and benefits	276,838	-	-	276,838
Services and supplies	163,148	-	-	163,148
Debt service:				
Principal	302,684	-	-	302,684
Interest and other charges	14,330	-	-	14,330
Total Expenditures	<u>757,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>757,000</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(203,779)</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(202,435)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,964	-	-	1,964
Transfers out	-	(1,964)	-	(1,964)
Debt forgiveness	25,000	-	-	25,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>26,964</u>	<u>(1,964)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(176,815)</u>	<u>(619)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(177,435)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>442,574</u>	<u>2,062</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>444,680</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 265,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 267,245</u>

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the
Government-Wide Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (177,435)

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

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

Less: depreciation expense	(61,833)
Transfer of capital assets to Penn Valley Fire Department	(278,457)

Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

Principal retirements	302,684
Transfer of debt to Penn Valley Fire Department	189,036

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

Change in compensated absences	5,351
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (20,654)
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The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Basic Financial Statements

- **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Rough and Ready Fire Protection District is a special district within the County of Nevada governed by an independent five-member Board of Directors. The District is located in Rough and Ready, California. The financial transactions are recorded in the Nevada County accounting system.

Component Units

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

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

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information on all the activities of the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements report the governmental activities of the District, which are normally supported by property taxes, assessments, and intergovernmental revenues. The District had no business-type activities at June 30, 2023.

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The General fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the District.
- The Mitigation Fees fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the receipt and expenditure of mitigation monies allowed under AB1600. Funding comes primarily from mitigation monies.
- The Capital Reserve fund is a capital projects fund used to account for resources set aside for capital purchases or structure improvements.

C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes and assessments, grants, entitlements, and donations. Under the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Property taxes and assessments, interest, certain state and federal grants and charges for services are considered susceptible to accrual and are accrued when their receipt occurs within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of governmental long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

D. Non-Current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

Non-current governmental assets and liabilities, such as capital assets and long-term liabilities, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

E. Cash and Investments

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Investments (Continued)

Participant's equity in the investment pool is determined by the dollar amount of participants deposits, adjusted for withdrawals and distributed investment income. Investment income is determined on an amortized cost basis. Interest payments, accrued interest, accreted discounts, amortized premiums, and realized capital gains and losses, net of administrative fees, are apportioned to pool participants every quarter.

F. Receivables

Receivables for governmental activities consist of intergovernmental revenues. Management believes its receivables are fully collectible and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

G. Inventory

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

H. Capital Assets

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

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

<u>Depreciable Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Equipment	5-20 years
Structures and Improvements	30 years

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

I. Property Tax

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

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Property Tax (Continued)

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

J. Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits

It is the District’s policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned by unused vacation leave which vests with the employee and will be paid upon separation from District service. The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as a long-term liability in the government-wide financial statements. The current portion of this debt is estimated based on historical trends. The District includes its share of social security and medicare taxes payable on behalf of the employees in the accrual of compensated absences. As of June 30, 2023, the District had no employees.

The District does not currently provide other postemployment benefits.

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. At June 30, 2023, the District did not have any deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. At June 30, 2023, the District did not have any deferred inflows of resources.

L. Grant Revenues

Certain grant revenues are recognized when specific related expenditures have been incurred. In other grant programs, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are only revocable for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These revenues are recognized at the time of receipt, or earlier if susceptible to accrual criteria is met.

M. Interfund Transactions

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

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

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Interfund Transactions (Continued)

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

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

All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers.

N. Estimates

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

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

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

Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations. This statement improves the comparability of financial reporting for issuers by eliminating the option to recognize a liability for a conduit debt obligation.

Statement No. 94, Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements. This statement will improve financial reporting by establishing the definitions of PPPs and APAs and providing uniform guidance on accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet those definitions.

Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. This statement will improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for SBITAs and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. The definition and uniform guidance will result in greater consistency in practice.

Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022. This statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. Consistent authoritative literature enables governments and other stakeholders to more easily locate and apply the correct accounting and financial reporting provisions, which improves the consistency with which such provisions are applied. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement. Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of state and local government financial statements.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Future Accounting Pronouncements

The following GASB Statements will be implemented, if applicable, in future financial statements:

Statement No. 99 “Omnibus 2022” The requirements of this statement related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. (FY 23/24)

Statement No. 100 “Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62” The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. (FY 23/24)

Statement No. 101 “Compensated Absences” The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. (FY 24/25)

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

A. Financial Statement Presentation

As of June 30, 2023, the District’s cash and investments consisted of the following:

Cash:	
Deposits (less outstanding checks)	\$ <u>454</u>
Total Cash	<u>454</u>
Investments:	
Nevada County Treasurer’s Pool	<u>287,722</u>
Total Investments	<u>287,722</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 288,176</u>

B. Cash

At year end, the carrying amount of the District’s cash deposits (including amounts in a checking account) was \$454 and the bank balance was \$454.

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

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investments

The District does not have a formal investment policy. At June 30, 2023, all investments of the District were in the County of Nevada investment pool. Under the provisions of the County's investment policy and the California Government Code, the County may invest or deposit in the following:

- U.S. Treasury and Agency Obligations
- California State Registered Warrants, Treasury Notes and Bonds
- Local Agency Obligations
- Bankers' Acceptances
- Money Market Funds
- Commercial Paper
- Medium-Term Notes
- Negotiable Certificates of Deposit
- Repurchase Agreements
- Reverse Repurchase Agreements
- Certificates of Deposit
- Pass-Through Securities
- Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
- California Asset Management Program (CAMP)
- Supranational

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

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

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

At June 30, 2023, the District had the following recurring fair value measurements:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using</u>		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Investments by Fair Value Level				
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	-	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments in External Investment Pool				
Nevada County Treasurer's Pool	<u>287,722</u>			
Total Investments	<u>\$ 287,722</u>			

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investments (Continued)

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

Credit Risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measure by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The County's investment policy sets specific parameters by type of investment to be met at the time of purchase. As of June 30, 2023, the District's investments were all held with the County of Nevada investment pool which is not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

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

Concentration of Credit Risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the District's investment in a single issuer of securities. When investments are concentrated in one issuer, this concentration presents a heightened risk of potential loss. The County's investment policy contains limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. As of June 30, 2023, all investments of the District were in the Nevada County investment pool which contains a diversification of investments.

D. Investments in External Pool

The Nevada County Pooled Investment fund is a pooled investment fund program governed by the County which monitors and reviews the management of public funds maintained in the investment pool in accordance with the County investment policy and the California Government Code. The Board of Supervisors review and approve the investment policy annually. The County Treasurer prepares and submits a comprehensive investment report to the Board of Supervisors every month. The report covers the type of investments in the pool, maturity dates, par value, actual cost and fair value. Investments in the Nevada County Pooled Investment fund are highly liquid as deposits and withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty. The Pool does not impose a maximum investment limit. Required disclosure information regarding categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk disclosures can be found in the County's financial statements. The County of Nevada's financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County of Nevada Auditor-Controller's office at 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Retirements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 605,357	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 605,357
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>605,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,357</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Structures and improvements	2,053,001	-	-	2,053,001
Equipment	762,859	-	(368,294)	394,565
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>2,815,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(368,294)</u>	<u>2,447,566</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Structures and improvements	(438,207)	(41,387)	-	(479,594)
Equipment	(361,711)	(20,446)	89,837	(292,320)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:	<u>(799,918)</u>	<u>(61,833)</u>	<u>89,837</u>	<u>(771,914)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>2,015,942</u>	<u>(61,833)</u>	<u>(278,457)</u>	<u>1,675,652</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 2,621,299</u>	<u>(\$ 61,833)</u>	<u>(\$ 278,457)</u>	<u>\$ 2,281,009</u>

Depreciation

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

Public Protection	<u>\$ 61,833</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 61,833</u>

NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers

Transfers are indicative of funding for capital projects, lease payments or debt service, and re-allocation of special revenues. The following are interfund transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General fund	\$ 1,964	\$ -
Mitigation fees	<u>-</u>	<u>1,964</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,964</u>	<u>\$ 1,964</u>

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Type of Indebtedness	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Adjustments/ Retirements	Transfer to Penn Valley Fire Dept.	Balance June 30, 2023
Loans Payable	\$ 491,720	\$ -	(\$ 302,684)	(\$ 189,036)	\$ -
Compensated Absences	5,351	7,383	(12,734)	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 497,071</u>	<u>\$ 7,383</u>	<u>(\$ 315,418)</u>	<u>(\$ 189,036)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 6: NET POSITION

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

- **Net investment in capital assets** - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted net position** - consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted net position** - all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

Net Position Flow Assumption

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

NOTE 7: FUND BALANCES

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

- **Nonspendable fund balance** - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example: inventories and prepaid amounts.
- **Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 7: FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

- **Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by formal action of the District’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Board of Directors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by Board action, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed remains in place until a similar action is taken to remove or revise the limitation. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- **Assigned fund balance** - amounts that are constrained by the District’s intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision-making authority, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose.
- **Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the District’s General fund that includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

The fund balances for all governmental funds as of June 30, 2023, were distributed as follows:

	General Fund	Mitigation Fees	Capital Reserve	Total
Restricted for:				
Capital projects	\$ -	\$ 1,443	\$ -	\$ 1,443
Committed to:				
Capital improvement	-	-	43	43
Unassigned	<u>265,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265,759</u>
Total	<u>\$ 265,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ 267,245</u>

Fund Balance Flow Assumption

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

Fund Balance Policy

The Board of Directors has established a fund balance policy by passage of an ordinance or resolution. Fund balance which is committed or assigned for a specific purpose is typically done through adoption of the budget and subsequent budget amendments.

NOTE 8: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District purchases coverage from an insurance company. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 9: OTHER INFORMATION

A. Commitments and Contingencies

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the appreciable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The District is involved in a lawsuit. Due to the nature of the case, the District is unable to estimate at this time the probability of a favorable or unfavorable outcome. Therefore, no provision has been made in the financial statements for a loss contingency.

B. Subsequent Events

The District is in the process of reorganization into one District with Penn Valley Fire Protection District and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District in accordance with the approved Memorandum of Understanding.

Management has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2023 through June 25, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available for issuance. Management has determined no other subsequent events requiring disclosure have occurred.

**Required Supplementary Information
(Unaudited)**

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes and assessments	\$ 425,555	\$ 425,555	\$ 433,805	\$ 8,250
Use of money and property	15,504	15,504	7,735	(7,769)
Intergovernmental	236,985	236,985	55,380	(181,605)
Other revenues	132,648	132,648	56,301	(76,347)
Total Revenues	810,692	810,692	553,221	(257,471)
EXPENDITURES				
Current public protection:				
Salaries and benefits	329,803	329,803	276,838	52,965
Services and supplies	385,860	385,860	163,148	222,712
Debt service:				
Principal	82,924	82,924	302,684	(219,760)
Interest and other charges	-	-	14,330	(14,330)
Total Expenditures	798,587	798,587	757,000	41,587
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	12,105	12,105	(203,779)	(215,884)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	1,964	1,964
Debt forgiveness	-	-	25,000	25,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	26,964	26,964
Net Change in Fund Balances	12,105	12,105	(176,815)	(188,920)
Fund Balances - Beginning	442,574	442,574	442,574	-
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 454,679	\$ 454,679	\$ 265,759	\$ (188,920)

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Major Special Revenue Fund - Mitigation Fees
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Use of money and property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (28)	\$ (28)
Mitigation fees	800	800	1,373	573
Total Revenues	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>545</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current public protection	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1,345</u>	<u>545</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	-	-	(1,964)	(1,964)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,964)</u>	<u>(1,964)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	800	800	(619)	(1,419)
Fund Balances - Beginning	2,062	2,062	2,062	-
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 2,862</u>	<u>\$ 2,862</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>	<u>\$ (1,419)</u>

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Required Supplementary Information
Note to Budgetary Comparison Schedules
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. The District presents a comparison of annual budget to actual results for the General and Mitigation Fees funds. The amount reported on the budgetary basis is generally on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), however, the District did not budget for interfund transfers.

The District follows these procedures annually in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

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

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OTHER REPORT AND SCHEDULES

- **Other Report**
- **Schedule of Findings and Recommendations**
- **Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations**
- **Management's Corrective Action Plan**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Rough and Ready Fire Protection District, California (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations to be significant deficiencies. (2023-001 and 2023-002)

To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

Compliance and Other Matters

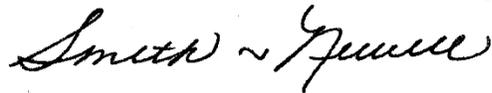
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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.

District's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
June 25, 2024

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

2023-001 Audit Adjustments (Material Weakness)

Criteria

Governmental auditing standards require independent auditors to evaluate all unadjusted misstatements of financial statements. Also, producing timely audited financial statements is more difficult when adjustments are not recorded prior to the start of the annual audit.

Condition

At the time of our audit, we noted that the financial statements as presented to us for audit contained misstatements in receivables, accounts payable, and salaries and benefits payable.

Cause

Receivables, accounts payable, and salaries and benefits payable had not been reconciled at year end.

Effect

The financial statements as presented to us contained misstatements and required adjustment.

Questioned Cost

No questioned costs were identified as a result of our procedures.

Context

Not applicable.

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat of prior year finding 2022-001.

Recommendation

We recommend that the District reconcile all accounts timely so that the financial statements are correctly stated. All required adjustments should be recorded prior to the start of the annual audit.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Refer to separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for views of responsible officials and management's responses.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

2023-002 Deficiencies in Control Structure Design (Significant Deficiency)

Criteria

Good internal control requires that adequate controls be incorporated in the internal control structure.

Condition

There is an absence of segregation of duties consistent with control objectives.

Cause

The District has limited office staff.

Effect

The District's internal control procedures do not include appropriate segregation of duties.

Questioned Cost

No questioned costs were identified as a result of our procedures.

Context

Not applicable.

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat of prior year finding 2022-002.

Recommendation

We recommend that continued effort be made to incorporate good internal control policies into the District's operating procedures.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Refer to separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for views of responsible officials and management's responses.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Audit Reference</u>	<u>Status of Prior Year Audit Recommendations</u>
2022-001	<p>Audit Adjustments</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>We recommend the District reconcile all accounts timely so that the financial statements are correctly stated. All required adjustments should be recorded prior to the start of the annual audit.</p> <p>Status</p> <p>Not implemented</p>
2022-002	<p>Deficiencies in Control Structure Design</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>We recommend that continued effort be made to incorporate good internal control policies into the District's operating procedures.</p> <p>Status</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
2022-003	<p>Budget</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>We recommend that the District control and monitor expenditures so that they do not exceed the approved budget. If budget revisions are required, we recommend that the District take appropriate action to amend the budget.</p> <p>Status</p> <p>Implemented</p>

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

The Rough & Ready Fire Protection District has undergone some significant changes in the past year. The District was on the verge of dissolving. By June 28, 2023, all employees had either resigned or been laid off and that station and emergency response was shuttered. The R&R District had filed a Resolution to Dissolve with the Nevada County LAFCO. Discussion occurred with the Penn Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD), the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFPD), the Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (R&RFPD) and the County of Nevada.

The outcome of those discussions was the PVFPD and NCCFPD would begin joint staffing of the fire station effectively July 1, 2023, utilizing their own respective employees. PVFPD would take over all the management and administrative functions of the R&RFPD effective 7/1/2023. The County of Nevada approved gap funding to make up the shortfall of R&RFPD's income. The Board of Directors remain in their capacity and hold monthly meetings. I mention the above items as that directly affects the response to the auditor's report.

- Current Management was not involved during the period of the audit and therefore does not agree or disagree with the report. We acknowledge that in the past there were issues, and we feel we have addressed those going forward.
- PVFPD Fire Chief, Don Wagner, is the Fire Chief and Administrator for the R&RFPD. PVFPD Finance Administrator, Michelle Thelen, is a CPA herself and manages the finances of PVFPD and R&RFPD.
- For a Corrective Action Plan of the four items with findings and recommendations, three revolve around payroll and R&RFPD no longer has any employees nor payroll. All employees are employed by PVFPD or NCCFPD and their respective agencies manage their payroll. The fourth item is regarding Capital Assets and Depreciation Schedule. Going forward that will be managed by PVFPD.
- Currently the R&RFPD, PVFPD and NCCFPD are in the process of reorganizing into a single new fire district. Anticipated completion of that reorganization is July 2025.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

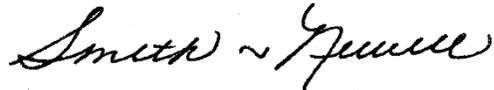
To the Board of Directors
Rough and Ready Fire Protection District
Rough and Ready, California

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Rough and Ready Fire Protection District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The appendix that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated June 25, 2024, on the financial statements of the District.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with District management, and we will be please to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

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



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
June 25, 2024

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ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Appendix A: Management Letter Comments
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Payroll

Criteria

Good internal control of payroll transactions requires that the District maintain adequate documentation to support withholdings and payments to employees.

Condition

We noted that the federal and state withholding from employees tested do not agree to the amount authorized by the employee on form W-4.

Cause

The withholding information on form W-4 provided by the employees was not reviewed for accuracy against the payroll system.

Effect

State and federal withholding may have been incorrect according to the amount employees authorized.

Questioned Cost

No questioned costs were identified as a result of our procedures.

Context

Not applicable.

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat finding.

Recommendation

We recommend that information provided by the employee be reviewed for accuracy and compared to what is input in to the District's payroll system.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Refer to separate management's corrective action plan for views of responsible officials and management's responses.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Appendix A: Management Letter Comments
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets Depreciation Schedule

Criteria

Good internal control of capital assets requires that an accurate depreciation schedule be maintained.

Condition

At the time of our audit, we noted the District did not provide an updated depreciation schedule and the one on file contained multiple calculation errors.

Cause

The District did not provide a depreciation schedule at the time of audit, and the schedule on file contained calculation errors.

Effect

Small adjustments were needed to accurately reflect the correct calculation of depreciation and accumulated depreciation.

Questioned Cost

No questioned costs were identified as a result of our procedures.

Context

Not applicable.

Repeat Finding

This is a repeat finding.

Recommendation

We recommend that the District continue to maintain the depreciation schedule, but also review the schedule at year end to verify that all calculations are accurate.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Refer to separate Management's Corrective Action Plan for views of responsible officials and management's responses.

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Appendix B: Status of Prior Year Recommendations
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Payroll

Prior Year Recommendation

We recommend that the District maintain adequate documentation for all employees in their individual files. We also recommend that information provided by the employee be reviewed for accuracy and compared to what is input into the District's payroll system.

Status

Partially Implemented

Capital Assets Depreciation Schedule

Prior Year Recommendation

We recommend that the District continue to maintain the depreciation schedule, but also review the schedule at year end to verify that all calculations are accurate.

Status

Not Implemented

ROUGH AND READY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Appendix C: Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

The Rough & Ready Fire Protection District has undergone some significant changes in the past year. The District was on the verge of dissolving. By June 28, 2023, all employees had either resigned or been laid off and that station and emergency response was shuttered. The R&R District had filed a Resolution to Dissolve with the Nevada County LAFCO. Discussion occurred with the Penn Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD), the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFPD), the Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (R&RFPD) and the County of Nevada.

The outcome of those discussions was the PVFPD and NCCFPD would begin joint staffing of the fire station effectively July 1, 2023, utilizing their own respective employees. PVFPD would take over all the management and administrative functions of the R&RFPD effective 7/1/2023. The County of Nevada approved gap funding to make up the shortfall of R&RFPD's income. The Board of Directors remain in their capacity and hold monthly meetings. I mention the above items as that directly affects the response to the auditor's report.

- Current Management was not involved during the period of the audit and therefore does not agree or disagree with the report. We acknowledge that in the past there were issues, and we feel we have addressed those going forward.
- PVFPD Fire Chief, Don Wagner, is the Fire Chief and Administrator for the R&RFPD. PVFPD Finance Administrator, Michelle Thelen, is a CPA herself and manages the finances of PVFPD and R&RFPD.
- For a Corrective Action Plan of the four items with findings and recommendations, three revolve around payroll and R&RFPD no longer has any employees nor payroll. All employees are employed by PVFPD or NCCFPD and their respective agencies manage their payroll. The fourth item is regarding Capital Assets and Depreciation Schedule. Going forward that will be managed by PVFPD.
- Currently the R&RFPD, PVFPD and NCCFPD are in the process of reorganizing into a single new fire district. Anticipated completion of that reorganization is July 2025.