

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Bennett Fire Protection District  
Arapahoe and Adams Counties, Colorado

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Bennett Fire Protection District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 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 Bennett Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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.

## **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 auditors' 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

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

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 opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements. The capital expansion fund budgetary comparison schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the capital expansion fund budgetary comparison schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the summary of assessed valuation, mill levy, and property taxes collected, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors’ 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.

*The Adams Group, LLC*

Greenwood Village, Colorado  
April 3, 2024

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and investments	\$ 5,230,434
Property tax receivables	8,392,617
Service fees receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (\$217,138)	325,706
Other receivables	52,205
Prepaid items	56,795
Capital assets, not being depreciated	1,173,793
Capital assets, net of depreciation	3,851,336
Net Pension Asset	246,307
Total Assets	19,329,193
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	
Related to pension	1,305,492
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,305,492
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable	25,100
Accrued wages and benefits	47,117
Accrued interest	11,204
Net pension liability	180,150
Long-term liabilities:	
Due in one year	171,882
Due in more than one year	379,392
Total Liabilities	814,845
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Related to pension	199,861
Deferred property taxes	8,392,617
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	8,592,478
 <u>Net Position</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	4,629,684
Restricted	
Emergencies	194,925
Net pension asset	246,307
Unrestricted	6,156,446
Total Net Position	\$ 11,227,362

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTINO DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:				
Public safety	\$ 5,112,886	\$ 1,050,396	\$ -	\$ (4,062,490)
Interest and fiscal charges	16,309	-	-	(16,309)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 5,129,195	\$ 1,050,396	\$ -	(4,078,799)

GENERAL REVENUES:

Property taxes	4,971,859
Specific ownership taxes	333,096
Investment earnings	197,084
Other revenue	653,430
Total General revenues	6,155,469
Change in net position	2,076,670
Net position, beginning	9,150,692
Net position, ending	\$ 11,227,362

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**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – BALANCE SHEET**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Capital Expansion Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and investments	\$ 3,665,389	\$ 1,565,045	\$ 5,230,434
Property tax receivable	8,392,617	-	8,392,617
Service fees receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (\$217,138)	325,706	-	325,706
Other accounts receivable	24,699	27,506	52,205
Due from other fund	200	-	200
Prepaid items	56,795	-	56,795
Total Assets	<u>\$ 12,465,406</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,551</u>	<u>\$ 14,057,957</u>
<u>Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</u>			
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 25,100	\$ -	\$ 25,100
Accrued wages and benefits	47,117	-	47,117
Due to other fund	-	200	200
Total Liabilities	<u>72,217</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>72,417</u>
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>			
Deferred property taxes	8,392,617	-	8,392,617
Unavailable EMS billing revenue	263,421	-	263,421
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>8,656,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,656,038</u>
<u>Fund balances</u>			
Nonspendable	56,795	-	56,795
Restricted	194,925	-	194,925
Committed	-	1,592,351	1,592,351
Unassigned	3,485,431	-	3,485,431
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,737,151</u>	<u>1,592,351</u>	<u>5,329,502</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 12,465,406</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,551</u>	<u>\$ 14,057,957</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balances, governmental funds	\$ 5,329,502
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	5,025,129
Certain revenues not available to pay liabilities of the current period are deferred in the governmental funds.	
Emergency medical service fees	263,421
Certain assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Net pension asset - Volunteer Plan	246,307
Some liabilities, including net pension liability, leases payable, accrued interest payable and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Net pension liability - SWDB Plan	(180,150)
Lease liability	(395,445)
Accrued interest	(11,204)
Compensated absences	(155,829)
Deferred outflows of resources used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.	
Related to pension	1,305,492
Deferred inflows of resources used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.	
Related to pension	(199,861)
Total net position of governmental activities	\$ 11,227,362

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Capital Expansion Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Property taxes	\$ 4,971,859	\$ -	\$ 4,971,859
Specific ownership taxes	333,096	-	333,096
Development fees	-	349,073	349,073
Investment earnings	196,687	397	197,084
Emergency medical services	529,917	-	529,917
Outside fleet maintenance income	66,305	-	66,305
Other	203,562	-	203,562
Total revenues	6,301,426	349,470	6,650,896
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Current:			
Administration	149,401	-	149,401
Payroll and human resources	3,387,061	-	3,387,061
Facilities	231,291	-	231,291
Health and safety	17,832	-	17,832
Operations	254,660	-	254,660
Training	35,791	-	35,791
Public relations	3,725	-	3,725
Volunteer reimbursement	8,640	-	8,640
Annual banquet	16,869	-	16,869
Technology	55,553	-	55,553
Testing	11,169	-	11,169
Fleet	227,126	-	227,126
Miscellaneous	90,156	-	90,156
Legal and accounting	60,846	-	60,846
Contribution to pension fund	10,000	-	10,000
VFIS volunteer payments	10,020	-	10,020
Capital outlay	1,892,631	-	1,892,631
Debt service			
Principal	146,874	-	146,874
Interest	18,775	-	18,775
Total expenditures	6,628,420	-	6,628,420
Excess revenue over (under) expenditures	(326,994)	349,470	22,476
<b><u>Other financing sources (uses)</u></b>			
Insurance proceeds	383,563	-	383,563
Transfer in	56,677	-	56,677
Transfer out	-	(56,677)	(56,677)
Total other financing sources (uses)	440,240	(56,677)	383,563
Net change in fund balance	113,246	292,793	406,039
Fund balances - beginning	3,623,905	1,299,558	4,923,463
Fund balances - ending	\$ 3,737,151	\$ 1,592,351	\$ 5,329,502

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT  
OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds: \$ 406,039

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

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

Capital outlay	1,751,831
Depreciation and amortization expense	(416,419)
Net book value of disposed assets	(35,317)

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 fund.

Principal payments	146,874
Pension income	113,583
Change in compensated absences	(63,793)
Change in accrued interest	2,466

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in governmental funds

Emergency medical services	171,406
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,076,670
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BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Bennett Fire Protection District (the District) is a quasi-municipal corporation, governed pursuant to provisions of the Colorado Special District Act. The District was established to provide fire protection services and paramedic rescue services to parts of Arapahoe and Adams Counties.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements, which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

The District is not financially accountable for any other organization. The District is not a component unit of any other primary governmental entity, including the Town of Bennett.

Significant accounting policies of the District are described as follows:

Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These financial statements include all of the activities of the District. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and emergency medical service revenue.

The statement of net position reports all financial and capital resources of the District. The difference between the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources of the District is reported as net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct and indirect expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included amount program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Depreciation and amortization is computed and recorded as an operating expense. Expenditures for property and equipment are shown as increases in assets. Employer and plan member contributions are recognized in the period that contributions are due.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The major sources of revenue susceptible to accrual are property tax and emergency medical service fees. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term obligations and compensated absences are recorded when the liability is incurred or when the long-term obligation is paid. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Capital Expansion Fund* is a capital projects fund and accounts for development fees that are to be used for the acquisition, construction, or expansion of major capital facilities.

Budgets

In accordance with the State Budget Law, the District's board of directors holds public hearings in the fall each year to approve the budget and appropriate the funds for the ensuing year. The appropriation is at the total fund expenditures and other financing uses level and lapses at year-end. The appropriation can only be modified upon completion of notification and publication requirements. The budget includes each fund on its basis of accounting unless otherwise indicated. During the year, the Capital Expansion Fund had \$56,677 of actual expenditures over budget. This may be a violation of Colorado Budget Law.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances

Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at net asset value.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. At December 31, 2023, management has recorded an allowance of \$217,138 for estimated uncollectible ambulance service fees. All receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the District board of directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessors generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year.

The County Treasurers collect the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or if in equal installments, at the taxpayer's election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and generally, sales of tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurers remit the taxes collected monthly to the District.

Property taxes, net of estimated uncollectible taxes, are recorded initially as a deferred inflow in the year they are levied and measurable. The deferred inflow property tax revenues are recorded as revenue in the year they are available or collected.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond year-end are recorded as prepaid items and will be reported as expenditures in the following year. Prepayments are recorded using the consumption method.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances (continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings, fire trucks and equipment, and office equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at acquisition cost or estimated acquisition cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable. Capital assets of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	50
Fire Trucks and Equipment	10
Office Equipment	3 - 5

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net 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(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred outflows of resources include certain amounts related to the District's defined benefit pension plan and volunteer pension plan which are to be amortized and recognized as revenue/expense in future periods.

Compensated Absences

The District has a policy that allows employees to accumulate unused vacation, sick pay and compensatory time benefits up to certain maximum hours. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. The District's General Fund is used to liquidate compensated absences of the governmental activities.



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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances (continued)

Leases

The District determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Leases are included in capital assets and long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Lease assets represent the District's control of the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, as specific in the contract, in an exchange or exchange like transaction. Lease assets are recognized at the commencement date based on the initial measurement of the lease liability, plus any payment made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term and certain direct costs. Lease assets are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset unless the lease has a purchase option which the District intends to exercise.

Lease liabilities represent the District's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term, less any lease incentives. Interest expense is recognized ratably over the contract term. The lease term may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the District will exercise the option.

Deferred Inflows 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(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Property tax revenue is considered a deferred inflow of resources in the year the taxes are levied and measurable and are recognized as an inflow of resources in the period they are collected. EMS revenue is considered a deferred inflow of resources in the fund financial statements for amounts not collected within the period of availability or 60 days. Deferred inflows of resources also include certain amounts related to the District's defined benefit pension plans and volunteer pension plan which are to be amortized and recognized as revenue/expense in future periods.

Fund Balances

The District's governmental fund balances may consist of five classifications based on the relative strength of the spending constraints:

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances (continued)

Fund Balances (Continued)

*Nonspendable fund balance* – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form (i.e. inventories or prepaid items) or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District had \$56,795 in nonspendable resources related to prepaid items at December 31, 2023.

*Restricted fund balance* – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments. The District had \$194,925 restricted at December 31, 2023 related to emergency reserves. See Note 8 for additional information.

*Committed fund balance* – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District’s Board of Directors (Board). The Board is the highest level of decision-making body for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District had \$1,592,351 committed at December 31, 2023 in the Capital Expansion Fund.

*Assigned fund balance* – Amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Only the Board may assign fund balances for specific purposes. At December 31, 2023, the District had no amounts classified as assigned fund balance.

*Unassigned fund balance* – Amounts that are available for any purpose.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first.

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

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balances (continued)

Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District's net position consists of three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

*Net investment in capital assets* – consists of net capital assets, reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets. At December 31, 2023, the District's net investment in capital assets was \$4,629,684.

*Restricted net position* – net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets. As noted in Note 8, the District is required to establish emergency reserves which was \$194,925 as of December 31, 2023. In addition, the District had \$246,307 restricted for the net pension asset on the statement of net position.

*Unrestricted net position* – consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District. At December 31, 2023, the District had unrestricted net position of \$6,156,446.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District will use the most restrictive net position first.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that effect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Adoption of New Accounting Standard

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*, which provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for governments. The implementation of the new standard had no impact on the District’s net position as of December 31, 2023.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and investments as of December 31, 2023 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$	2,118,580
Investments		<u>3,111,854</u>
Total cash and investments	\$	<u><u>5,230,434</u></u>

Cash Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The State Commissioners for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2023, the bank balance and carrying amount of the District’s deposits were \$2,141,815 and \$2,118,580, respectively.

Investments

The District has not adopted a formal investment policy; however, the District follows state statutes regarding investments. The District generally limits its concentration of investments to those noted with an asterisk (\*) below, which are believed to have minimal credit risk, minimal interest rate risk, and no foreign currency risk.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (continued)

Additionally, the District is not subject to concentration risk disclosure requirements or subject to investment custodial risk for investments that are in the possession of another party. Colorado revised statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less unless formally approved by the Board of Directors.

Such actions are generally associated with a debt service reserve or sinking fund requirements. Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include:

- Obligations of the United States, certain U.S. government agency securities and the World Bank
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers’ acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Certain reverse repurchase agreements
- Certain securities lending agreements
- Certain corporate bonds
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- \* Local government investment pools

As of December 31, 2023, the District had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Balance</u>
ColoTrust - Plus	Less than one year	\$ 2,715,285
ColoTrust - Prime	Less than one year	396,569
		<u>\$ 3,111,854</u>

ColoTrust and Fair Value

As of December 31, 2023, the District the District had invested \$3,111,854 in the Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) (the Trust), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces all State statutes governing the Trust. The Trust currently offers three portfolios – ColoTrust PRIME, ColoTrust PLUS+, and ColoTrust EDGE.

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NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

ColoTrust and Fair Value (continued)

ColoTrust PRIME and ColoTrust PLUS+, which operate similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00, offer daily liquidity. Both portfolios may invest in U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. ColoTrust PLUS\_ may also invest in certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, highest rated commercial paper, and any security allowed under C.R.S. 24-75-601.

ColoTrust EDGE, a variance Net Asset Value (NAV) Local Government Investment Pool, offers weekly liquidity and is managed to approximate a \$10.00 transactional share price. ColoTrust EDGE may invest in securities authorized by C.R.S 24-75-601.1, including U.S. Treasury securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities, certain obligations of U.S. government agencies, and highest rated commercial paper.

A designated custodial bank serves as custodian for the Trust's portfolios pursuant to a custodian agreement. The custodian acts as safekeeping agent for the Trust's investment portfolios and provides services as the depository in connection with direct investments and withdrawals. The custodian's internal records segregate investments owned by the Trust.

ColoTrust is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's. The District's investments are in ColoTrust PRIME and ColoTrust PLUS+ and are measured at net asset value. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

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NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in governmental activities capital assets during the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance at December 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2023
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 114,365	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,365
Construction in progress	783,692	281,839	6,103	1,059,428
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>898,057</u>	<u>281,839</u>	<u>6,103</u>	<u>1,173,793</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	802,684	32,562	-	835,246
Fire trucks and equipment	4,313,690	1,424,138	217,917	5,519,911
Office equipment	11,411	19,395	-	30,806
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>5,127,785</u>	<u>1,476,095</u>	<u>217,917</u>	<u>6,385,963</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	378,826	30,730	-	409,556
Fire trucks and equipment	2,556,002	323,472	182,600	2,696,874
Office equipment	11,411	3,879	-	15,290
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,946,239</u>	<u>358,081</u>	<u>182,600</u>	<u>3,121,720</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,181,546</u>	<u>1,118,014</u>	<u>35,317</u>	<u>3,264,243</u>
Lease assets, being amortized				
Fire trucks and equipment	703,769	-	-	703,769
Total lease assets, being amortized	<u>703,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>703,769</u>
Accumulated amortization				
Fire trucks and equipment	58,338	58,338	-	116,676
Total accumulated amortization	<u>58,338</u>	<u>58,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>116,676</u>
Total lease assets, being amortized	<u>645,431</u>	<u>(58,338)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>587,093</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,725,034</u>	<u>\$ 1,341,515</u>	<u>\$ 41,420</u>	<u>\$ 5,025,129</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$416,419 was charged to the public safety function for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is an analysis of changes in the District’s long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance at December 31, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2023	Due In One Year
Fire equipment - lease liability (2019)	\$ 55,997	\$ -	\$ 55,997	\$ -	\$ -
Fire truck - lease liability (2020)	486,322	-	90,877	395,445	93,967
Compensated absences	92,036	129,846	66,053	155,829	77,915
Total	<u>\$ 634,355</u>	<u>\$ 129,846</u>	<u>\$ 212,927</u>	<u>\$ 551,274</u>	<u>\$ 171,882</u>

Lease Liabilities

On January 1, 2019, the District entered into a master equipment lease to purchase agreement for new fire equipment in the amount of \$272,475. The lease requires principal and interest payments in the aggregate amount of \$58,237 annually with interest at 3.98%. The final principal and interest payments were made during 2023 and the lease liability is \$0 at December 31, 2023.

The lease purchase agreement does not constitute a general obligation debt of the District as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes as there are annual appropriation clauses in the lease agreement.

On February 24, 2020, the District entered into a master lease to purchase agreement for a new fire truck and associated equipment for \$659,975, with the total amount financed through the lease to purchase agreement. The lease requires principal and interest payments in the aggregate amount of \$107,412 annually with interest at 3.37% which is implicit per the lease agreement.

The final payment is due in 2027. The District has the option to purchase all the equipment covered by the lease agreement on any rent payment due date by paying the full outstanding balance of the lease, plus the termination value amount set forth in the lease agreement. The District expects to exercise the purchase option.

The lease purchase agreement does not constitute a general obligation debt of the District as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes as there are annual appropriation clauses in the lease agreement.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the lease agreement as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:



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NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Lease Liabilities (continued)

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 93,967	\$ 13,445	\$ 107,412
2025	97,133	10,279	107,412
2026	100,464	6,948	107,412
2027	103,881	3,532	107,413
Total	<u>\$ 395,445</u>	<u>\$ 34,204</u>	<u>\$ 429,649</u>

NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS’ PENSION FUND

Plan Description

The District, on behalf of its volunteer firefighters, contributes to a defined benefit pension plan which is administered by FPPA. Assets of the plan are commingled for investment purposes in the Fire and Police member’s Benefit Fund, an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by FPPA.

The plan provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries according to the plan provisions as enacted and governed by the pension fund board of trustees. Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), as amended, establishes basic benefit provisions under the plan. FPPA issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes the assets of the volunteer plan. That report may be obtained by calling FPPA at 303-770-3772.

Volunteer firefighters who complete the minimum annual training required by the District and are members in good standing of the volunteer organization, are eligible to participate in the plan for that year. Volunteers’ rights to a benefit vest after ten years of service. Volunteers who retire at, or after the age of 50, with twenty years of credited service are entitled to benefit.

Volunteers who retire with ten years of credited service are entitled to a partial benefit. Surviving spouses are entitled to a 50 percent benefit. In addition, the plan provides death and disability benefits funded by insurance policies.

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NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS’ PENSION FUND (CONTINUED)

Plan Description (continued)

At December 31, 2023, the following members were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and Beneficiaries	30
Inactive, Nonretired Members	3
Active Members	17
	50
	50

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides retirement, survivor, death, and funeral benefits. Retirement benefit for a member is \$275 a month for 20 or more years of service. Those members with a minimum of 10 years of service receive \$13.75 per month for every year of service. Survivor’s death benefits range from \$137.50 monthly benefit payment to 50 percent of normal benefit depending on different variables. Funeral benefit to the family members is a one-time payment of \$250.

Contributions

Contributions are determined by the FPPA actuary, using the entry age normal cost method as of January 1, 2023. Contributions into the pension fund are derived from two sources: contributions directly from the District and contributions from the State based on assessed property values and other formulas. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District’s contributions were \$10,000, not including contributions from the State.

Pension Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2023, the District reported a net pension asset of \$246,307. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District recognized pension income of \$24,730. At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS’ PENSION FUND (CONTINUED)

Pension Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 23,370
Change in assumptions	6,490	
Net Difference between Projected and Actual		
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	55,622	-
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	10,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 72,112</u>	<u>\$ 23,370</u>

\$10,000 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (14,667)
2025	(1,108)
2026	18,931
2027	35,586
Total	<u>\$ 38,742</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the January 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar, Open*
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years*
Asset Valuation Method	5-Year smoothed fair value
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	N/A
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Retirement Age	50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65

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NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS' PENSION FUND (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Mortality rates were based on the following:

- **Pre-retirement:** 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years, 50% multiplier for off-duty mortality.
- **Post-retirement:** 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years.
- **Disabled:** 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years.

\*Plans that are heavily weighted with retiree liabilities use an amortization period based on the expected remaining lifetime of the participants.

Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present values using a Single Discount Rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (to the extent that the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the plan's projected fiduciary net position is not sufficient to pay benefits). Being that the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.00% was used as the discount rate.

For the purpose of this valuation, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent; the municipal bond rate is 4.05 percent (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the "state & local bonds" rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.00 percent.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS’ PENSION FUND (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic nominal rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00%	3.92%
Fixed Income - Rates	10.00%	5.45%
Fixed Income - Credit	5.00%	6.90%
Absolute Return	9.00%	6.49%
Long Short	6.00%	7.47%
Global Equity	35.00%	8.93%
Private Markets	34.00%	10.31%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total Pension Liability</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 824,988	\$ 1,200,635	\$ (375,647)
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	10,627	-	10,627
Interest	55,869	-	55,869
Net investment income	-	(95,862)	95,862
Contributions - employer	-	10,000	(10,000)
Benefit payments including refunds of employee contributions	(65,260)	(65,260)	-
Difference between expected and actual experience of Total Pension Liability	(35,055)	-	(35,055)
Changes in assumptions	9,735	-	9,735
Administrative expense	-	(11,302)	11,302
State of Colorado supplemental discretionary payment	-	9,000	(9,000)
Net changes	<u>(24,084)</u>	<u>(153,424)</u>	<u>129,340</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 800,904</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,211</u>	<u>\$ (246,307)</u>

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NOTE 5 – VOLUNTEERS’ PENSION FUND (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as the net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1- percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ (162,616)	\$ (246,307)	\$ (316,502)

The Fire & Police Pension Association administers an agent multiple-employer Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). The PERS represents the assets of numerous separate plans that have been pooled for investment purposes. The pension plans have elected to affiliate with FPPA for plan administration and investment only. FPPA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at <http://www.fppaco.org>.

On July 1, 1992, the District purchased annuity contracts for the benefit of retired volunteers as of July 1, 1992. The annuity contracts are in the name of the District. The insurance company has assumed responsibility for paying benefits to this group of retired volunteers. For legal compliance purposes, the annuity contracts list the District as both the owner and beneficiary of the contract in that, if a retiree dies within the first ten years of the contract, the remaining contract is paid to the District. Such payments, if any, will be recorded as revenue when received. In July 2015, the Board of Directors decided to increase the payments for retirees under this agreement beyond the amount being paid by the annuity, effective January 1, 2016. The additional payments to the members of the class under the District’s prior Length of Service Award Program were approved to be made from the General Fund. The payments will be made on a quarterly basis subject to annual appropriation. Total payments during 2023 were \$10,020.

NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan (SWDB), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan is administered by the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado (FPPA). The Plan provides retirement benefits for members and beneficiaries. Death and disability coverage is provided for members hired prior to January 1, 1997 through the Plan.

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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN

Plan Description (continued)

All full-time, paid firefighters of the District are members of the SWDB.

Colorado statutes assign the District to establish benefit provisions to the state legislature. FPPA issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and requires supplementary information for both the SWDB and the Statewide Death and Disability Plan. FPPA issues a publicly available financial report that includes information on the plan. That report may be obtained at <http://www.fppaco.org>.

Benefits Provided

A plan member is eligible for a normal retirement pension once the member has completed twenty-five years of credited service and has attained the age of 55. Effective January 1, 2021, a member may also qualify for a normal retirement pension if the member's combined years of service and age equals at least 80, with a minimum age of 50 (Rule of 80).

The annual normal retirement benefit is 2 percent of the average of the member's highest three years' pensionable earnings for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter. The benefit earned prior to January 1, 2007 for members of affiliated Social Security employers will be reduced by the amount of Social Security income payable to the member annually. Effective January 1, 2007, members covered under the Statewide Defined Benefit Social Security Component will receive half the benefit when compared to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan. Benefit adjustments paid to retired members are evaluated annually and may be re-determined every October 1. The amount of any increase is based on the Board's discretion and can range from 0 to the higher of 3 percent or the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

A member is eligible for early retirement after completion of 30 years of service or attainment of age 50 with at least five years of credited service. The early retirement benefit equals the normal retirement benefit reduced on an actuarially equivalent basis. Upon termination, an employee may elect to have member contributions, along with 5 percent as interest, returned as a lump sum distribution. Alternatively, a member with at least five years of accredited service may leave contributions with the Plan and remain eligible for a retirement pension at age 55 equal to 2 percent of the member's average highest three years' pensionable earnings for each year of credited service up to ten years, plus 2.5 percent for each year of service thereafter.

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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions

The District and eligible employees are required to contribute to the plan at rates established by State statutes. Employer contributions rates can only be amended by state statute. Member contribution rates can be amended by state statute or election of the membership.

In 2014, the members elected to increase the member contribution rate to the SWDB plan beginning in 2015. Member contribution rates will increase 0.5 percent annually through 2022 to a total of 12 percent of pensionable earnings. Employer contributions increase 0.5 percent annually beginning in 2021 through 2030 to a total of 13.0 percent of pensionable earnings. In 2022, members of the SWDB plan and their employers contributed at a rate of 12.0 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 21.0 percent. In 2023, members of the SWDB plan and their employers contributed at a rate of 12.0 percent and 9.5 percent, respectively, of pensionable earnings for a total contribution rate of 21.5 percent. The District's contributions to the plan of the year ended December 31, 2023, were \$204,400, equal to the required contributions.

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

At December 31, 2023, the District reported a net pension liability of \$180,150, representing its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the plan. The net pension asset was measured at December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At December 31, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.20296% which was an increase of 0.00904% from its proportion measured at December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District recognized pension income of \$43,318.

At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:



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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension (continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 389,963	\$ 22,112
Changes of Assumptions or other Inputs	230,797	-
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	407,675	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions Recognized and Proportionate Share of Contributions	545	154,379
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>204,400</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,233,380</u>	<u>\$ 176,491</u>

\$204,400 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase in the net pension asset in the year ended December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 67,793
2025	144,923
2026	216,137
2027	312,224
2028	49,529
Thereafter	61,883
Total	<u>\$ 852,489</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuations as of January 1, 2023, determined the total pension liability using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

	<u>Total Pension Liability</u>	<u>Actuarial Determined Contributions</u>
Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2022
Actuarial Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	N/A	Level % of Payroll, Open
Amortization Period	N/A	30 years
Long-term Investment Rate of Return, net*	7.0%	7.0%
Projected Salary Increases	4.25% - 11.25%	4.25% - 11.25%
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	0%	0%
*Includes Inflation at	2.5%	2.5%

For determining the total pension liability, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the Pub-2010 Safety Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables projected with the ultimate values of the MP-2020 projection scale. The pre-retirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 60 percent of the MP-2020 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

For determining the actuarially determined contributions, the post-retirement mortality tables for non-disabled retirees uses the 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and the projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years. The preretirement off-duty mortality tables are adjusted to 50% of the RP-2014 mortality tables for active employees. The on-duty mortality rate is 0.00015.

At least every five years the FPPA’s Board of Directors, in accordance with best practices, reviews its economic and demographic actuarial assumptions. At its July 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved recommended changes to the actuarial assumptions. The recommendations were made by the FPPA’s actuaries, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., based upon their analysis of past experience and expectations of the future. The assumption changes were effective for actuarial valuations beginning January 1, 2023. The actuarial assumptions impact actuarial factors for benefit purposes such as purchases of service credit and other benefits where actuarial factors are used.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation (assumed at 2.5 percent).

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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global Equity	35%	8.93%
Equity Long/Short	6%	7.47%
Private Markets	34%	10.31%
Fixed Income - Rates	10%	5.45%
Fixed Income - Credit	5%	6.90%
Absolute Return	9%	6.49%
Cash	1%	3.92%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the Board’s funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Colorado statutes. Based on those assumptions, the SWDB plan fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present values using a Single Discount Rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (to the extent that the plan’s fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the plan’s projected fiduciary net position is not sufficient to pay benefits).

For the purpose of the valuation, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent; the municipal bond rate is 4.05 percent (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the “state & local bonds” rate from Federal Reserve statistical release (H.15)); and the resulting single discount rate is 7.00 percent.

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NOTE 6 – STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE DEFINED PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.0 percent, as well as the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.0 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.0 percent) than the current rate, as follows:

	<u>1% Decrease</u> <u>(6.00%)</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Discount Rate</u> <u>(7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase</u> <u>(8.00%)</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ 1,241,932</u>	<u>\$ 180,150</u>	<u>\$ (699,349)</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan’s fiduciary net position is available in FPPA’s separately issued financial report, which may be obtained at <http://www.fppaco.org>.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The District has two deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 in which employees can participate. The plans allow employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The first plan is administered by FPPA and participation in the plan is optional for all firefighting employees.

In 2012, the District started a second deferred compensation plan which is administered by Lincoln Financial Group. The plan was primarily established for administrative personnel not covered by FPPA. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the District contributed \$5,085, into the plan for administrative personnel, with a continuing 1.8% matching contribution in future years.

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to volunteers; or acts of God. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for all risks of loss. The District did not have any claim settlements in excess of coverage for each of the past three years.

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NOTE 8 – TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

Tax, Spending, and Debt Limitations

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, commonly known as the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) contains tax, spending, revenue, and debt limitations which apply to the state of Colorado and all local governments. TABOR is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of TABOR.

Spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior year’s Fiscal Year Spending adjusted for allowable increases based upon inflation and local growth. Fiscal Year Spending is generally defined as expenditures plus reserve increases with certain exceptions. Revenue in excess of the Fiscal Year Spending limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending. Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. Many of the provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate Fiscal Year Spending limits will require judicial interpretation.

On November 4, 1997, a majority of the District’s electors authorized the District to collect, retain and expend, without imposing any new taxes or increases in its present mill levy on general property, the full revenue generated by its existing mill levy (6.257 mills), nonfederal grants, fees, and any other excess revenue commencing January 1, 1996 and each subsequent year, notwithstanding any state restriction on Fiscal Year Spending, including without limitation, the restrictions of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution and spent as voter approved revenue changes and an exception to the limits which would otherwise apply for (a) equipment purchase, repair and maintenance, (b) capital improvements, and (c) District services, without limiting in any year the amount of other revenue that may be collected and spent by the District.

On October 14, 1999, the Division of Local Government reviewed the District’s November 1997 election question and found the language of the ballot question sufficient to waive the 5.5% property tax revenue limitation.

On May 6, 2008, a majority of the District’s electors authorized the District to increase the existing mill levy by 2.650 mills, to provide fire, rescue, emergency medical and other emergency services, resulting in a total District mill levy rate exclusive of refunds, abatements or debt service, not to exceed 8.907 mills and authorized the District to collect, retain and spend the tax revenue collected from such total property tax rate, and all other revenue received from any source; commencing with taxes payable January 1, 2009, and continuing thereafter.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 8 – TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR) (CONTINUED)

Tax, Spending, and Debt Limitations (continued)

On November 7, 2017, a majority of the District’s electors authorized the District to increase the existing mill levy by a rate up to 4.093 mills, resulting in a total District mill levy rate exclusive of refunds, abatements, or debt service, not to exceed 13,00 mills through ballot issue No. 4D. The revenue therefrom would be used to pay the District’s operating, maintenance, and other expenses, including personnel costs necessary to improve the District’s public and life safety-related services; commencing with taxes payable January 1, 2018; as a voter-approved revenue change, offset and exception to the limits which would otherwise apply under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (TABOR), or any other law, and as a permanent waiver of the 5.5% limitation under Section 29-1-301, C.R.S.

NOTE 9 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The District currently receives property tax revenue from two counties – Adams and Arapahoe. For Adams County, one taxpayer comprises over 20% of the County’s total taxable assessed valuation. Loss of this taxpayer to the County would greatly reduce the taxable assessed valuation, thus reducing the amount of property tax revenue received by the District from the County.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 5,098,066	\$ 5,098,066	\$ 4,971,859	\$ (126,207)
Specific ownership taxes	180,000	180,000	333,096	153,096
Investment earnings	1,000	1,000	196,687	195,687
Emergency medical services	200,000	200,000	529,917	329,917
Outside fleet maintenance income	40,000	40,000	66,305	26,305
Other	37,000	37,000	203,562	166,562
Total revenues	<u>\$ 5,556,066</u>	<u>\$ 5,556,066</u>	<u>\$ 6,301,426</u>	<u>\$ 745,360</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Public safety				
Administration	149,771	149,771	149,401	370
Payroll and human resources	3,633,155	3,633,155	3,387,061	246,094
Facilities	264,400	264,400	231,291	33,109
Health and safety	19,800	19,800	17,832	1,968
Operations	298,000	298,000	254,660	43,340
Training	41,300	41,300	35,791	5,509
Public relations	16,000	16,000	3,725	12,275
Volunteer reimbursement	12,000	12,000	8,640	3,360
Annual banquet	21,000	21,000	16,869	4,131
Technology	73,400	73,400	55,553	17,847
Testing	18,600	18,600	11,169	7,431
Fleet	203,750	203,750	227,126	(23,376)
Miscellaneous	29,000	29,000	90,156	(61,156)
Legal and accounting	65,000	65,000	60,846	4,154
Contribution to pension fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
VFIS volunteer payments	13,060	13,060	10,020	3,040
Capital outlay	915,000	2,050,494	1,892,631	157,863
Debt service				
Principal	147,015	147,015	146,874	141
Interest	18,635	18,635	18,775	(140)
Total expenditures	<u>5,948,886</u>	<u>7,084,380</u>	<u>6,628,420</u>	<u>455,960</u>
Excess (deficiency) revenue over (under) expenditures	(392,820)	(1,528,314)	(326,994)	1,201,320
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
Insurance proceeds	-	-	383,563	383,563
Transfer in	-	-	56,677	56,677
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>440,240</u>	<u>440,240</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (392,820)</u>	<u>\$ (1,528,314)</u>	113,246	<u>\$ 1,641,560</u>
Fund balances - beginning			<u>3,623,905</u>	
Fund balances - ending			<u>\$ 3,737,151</u>	

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.



BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE  
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)  
STATEWIDE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Plan measurement date	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.2030%	0.1939%	0.1863%	0.1471%	0.1465%	0.1315%	0.0991%	0.0854%	0.0875%	0.0841%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 180,150	\$ (1,050,899)	\$ (404,386)	\$ (83,202)	\$ (185,171)	\$ (189,185)	\$ 35,816	\$ (1,506)	\$ (98,816)	\$ (75,244)
District's covered payroll	\$ 1,765,168	\$ 1,561,068	\$ 1,496,113	\$ 1,084,275	\$ 981,100	\$ 769,195	\$ 507,287	\$ 414,188	\$ 393,747	\$ 365,486
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	10.2%	(67.3%)	(27.0%)	(7.7%)	(18.9%)	(24.6%)	7.1%	(0.4%)	(25.1%)	(20.6%)
Plan fiduciary net pension as a percentage of the total pension liability	97.60%	116.20%	106.70%	101.90%	95.23%	106.34%	98.21%	100.10%	106.80%	105.80%

\*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of December 31 based on the measurement date of the plan.

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATEWIDE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 204,400	\$ 158,865	\$ 132,691	\$ 119,689	\$ 86,742	\$ 78,488	\$ 61,535	\$ 40,583	\$ 33,135	\$ 31,500
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	<u>204,400</u>	<u>158,865</u>	<u>132,691</u>	<u>119,689</u>	<u>86,742</u>	<u>78,488</u>	<u>61,535</u>	<u>40,583</u>	<u>33,135</u>	<u>31,500</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,151,564	\$ 1,765,168	\$ 1,561,068	\$ 1,496,113	\$ 1,084,275	\$ 981,100	\$ 769,195	\$ 507,287	\$ 414,188	\$ 393,747
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.5%	9.0%	8.5%	8.0%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)**  
**AND RELATED RATIOS – VOLUNTEER PENSION PLAN**  
**LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS**

Measurement period ending December 31,	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014*
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>									
Service Cost	\$ 10,627	\$ 10,627	\$ 6,257	\$ 6,257	\$ 8,996	\$ 8,996	\$ 4,981	\$ 4,981	4,459
Interest	55,869	55,773	56,662	56,702	58,620	58,078	35,247	35,300	38,845
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	275,148	-	-
Differences between actual and expected experience	(35,055)	-	(13,604)	-	(8,458)	-	24,933	-	(61,344)
Changes in assumptions	9,735	-	-	-	33,525	-	16,782	-	-
Benefit payments	(65,260)	(64,806)	(63,525)	(63,555)	(62,203)	(57,590)	(51,794)	(30,561)	(28,455)
Net change in total pension liability	(24,084)	1,594	(14,210)	(596)	30,480	9,484	305,297	9,720	(46,495)
Total pension liability - beginning	824,988	823,394	837,604	838,200	807,720	798,236	492,939	483,219	529,714
Total pension liability - ending	<u>\$ 800,904</u>	<u>\$ 824,988</u>	<u>\$ 823,394</u>	<u>\$ 837,604</u>	<u>\$ 838,200</u>	<u>\$ 807,720</u>	<u>\$ 798,236</u>	<u>\$ 492,939</u>	<u>\$ 483,219</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>									
Contributions - employer	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Net investment income	(95,862)	158,270	127,887	132,258	584	131,274	47,591	16,354	57,947
Benefit payments including refunds of employee contributions	(65,260)	(64,806)	(63,525)	(63,555)	(62,203)	(57,590)	(51,794)	(30,561)	(28,455)
Pension plan administrative expense	(11,302)	(11,121)	(8,947)	(11,077)	(10,970)	(10,873)	(1,693)	(3,728)	(1,718)
State of Colorado discretionary payment	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(153,424)	101,343	74,415	76,626	(53,589)	81,811	13,104	1,065	46,774
Plan Fiduciary net position - beginning	1,200,635	1,099,292	1,024,877	948,251	1,001,840	920,029	906,925	905,860	859,086
Plan Fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ 1,047,211</u>	<u>\$ 1,200,635</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,292</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,877</u>	<u>\$ 948,251</u>	<u>\$ 1,001,840</u>	<u>\$ 920,029</u>	<u>\$ 906,925</u>	<u>\$ 905,860</u>
Net pension liability (asset) - ending	\$ (246,307)	\$ (375,647)	\$ (275,898)	\$ (187,273)	\$ (110,051)	\$ (194,120)	\$ (121,793)	\$ (413,986)	\$ (422,641)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	130.75%	145.53%	133.51%	122.36%	113.13%	124.03%	115.26%	183.98%	187.46%
Covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Information prior to 2014 is unavailable.

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

**BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**VOLUNTEER PENSION PLAN**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ -	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,799	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Actual contribution*	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (19,000)</u>	<u>\$ (17,201)</u>	<u>\$ (17,201)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>
Covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Includes both employer and State of Colorado Supplemental Discretionary Payment

**Notes to Schedule:**

Valuation Date

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1 of odd numbered years. The contribution rates have a one-year lag, so the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021 determines the contribution amounts for 2022 and 2023.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar, Open*
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years*
Asset Valuation Method	5-Year smoothed fair value
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	N/A
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Retirement Age	50% per year of eligibility until 100% at age 65
Mortality	<b>Pre-retirement:</b> 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years, 50% multiplier for off-duty mortality. <b>Post-retirement:</b> 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years. <b>Disable:</b> 2006 central rates from the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables for males and females projected to 2018 using the MP-2017 projection scales, and then projected prospectively using the ultimate rates of the scale for all years.

\*Plans that are heavily weighted with retiree liabilities use an amortization period based on the expected remaining lifetime of the participants.

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Development fees	\$ 200,000	\$ 349,073	\$ 149,073
Investment earnings	500	397	(103)
Total Revenues	<u>200,500</u>	<u>349,470</u>	<u>148,970</u>
Excess revenue over (under) expenditures	200,500	349,470	148,970
<u>Other financing sources (uses)</u>			
Transfer out	-	(56,677)	(56,677)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,677)</u>	<u>(56,677)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 200,500</u>	292,793	<u>\$ 92,293</u>
Fund balances - beginning		<u>1,299,558</u>	
Fund balances - ending		<u>\$ 1,592,351</u>	

See accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

## OTHER INFORMATION

BENNETT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATION, MILL LEVY, AND  
PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Year ended December 31,	Prior Year Assessed Valuation for Current Year Tax Levy (1)	Mills Levies	Total Property Taxes		Percent Collected to Levied
			Levied	Collected Currently	
2018	\$ 182,010,853	13.041	\$ 2,373,604	\$ 2,368,060	99.77%
2019	191,744,893	13.041	2,500,545	2,494,985	99.78%
2020	281,629,650	13.070	3,680,900	3,678,646	99.94%
2021	302,691,525	13.122	3,971,918	3,956,178	99.60%
2022	286,322,838	13.122	3,757,128	3,737,770	99.48%
2023	381,246,834	13.152	5,014,158	4,966,555	99.05%
Estimated for the year ending December 31, 2024	\$ 632,021,749	13.279	8,392,617		