



**Hellsgate Fire District  
Financial Statements  
June 30, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Governing Board of the  
Hellsgate Fire District  
Star Valley, Arizona

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Hellsgate Fire District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and of each major fund of the Hellsgate Fire District, as of June 30, 2017, 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.

**Other Matters**

As described in the notes to the financial statements, the District has adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 27, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments; Omnibus*, and GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, effective July 1, 2003, as well as GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. However, the Hellsgate Fire District has elected not to present Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, or other supplementary information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 19, 2018 on consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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.

**Restriction on Use**

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governing Board, Management, Gila County and the State of Arizona and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

AtHca CPAs & Advisors PLLC

Phoenix, Arizona  
March 19, 2018



# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 201,063
Due from other governments	436,106
Taxes receivable	38,481
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	203,777
Depreciable (net)	<u>1,234,095</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,113,522</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	<u>\$ 930,234</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 44,355
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	63,595
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	82,874
Due in more than one year	<u>2,592,848</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 2,783,672</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 50,945
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	<u>\$ 209,139</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 209,139</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Public safety, fire protection:	
Emergency services	\$ 1,976,542
Claims and judgements	77,025
Administrative and support services	501,903
Depreciation	97,680
Interest on long-term debt	<u>34,946</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$ 2,688,096</u>
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>	
Charges for services	\$ 848,726
Operating grants and contributions	650,590
Capital grants and contributions	<u>2,064</u>
Total program revenues	<u>\$ 1,501,380</u>
Net program expenses	<u>\$ 1,186,716</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 721,564
Centrally assessed taxes	63,952
Net gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets	8,572
Investment earnings	<u>2,339</u>
Total general revenues	<u>\$ 796,427</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(390,289)
Net position – beginning	<u>599,428</u>
Net position – ending	<u>\$ 209,139</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 201,063
Due from other governments	436,106
Taxes receivable	<u>38,481</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 675,650</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 44,355
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	<u>63,595</u>
Total liabilities	107,950
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Deferred revenue	<u>\$ 433,242</u>
 Total deferred inflows of resources	 \$ 433,242
Fund balances:	
Committed for capital projects	\$ 134,458
Unassigned	<u>-</u>
 Total fund balances	 <u>134,458</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	 <u>\$ 675,650</u>

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



**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2017**

Fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 134,458

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. 1,437,872

Receivables which are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds balance sheet. 433,242

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. 930,234

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. (50,945)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, they are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet, specifically:

Capital leases payable	(859,195)	
Compensated absences	(47,024)	
Pension liabilities	<u>(1,769,503)</u>	<u>(2,675,722)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 209,139

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

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property taxes	\$ 712,206
Fire district assistance taxes	63,952
Intergovernmental	647,004
Charges for services	448,812
Contributions	5,650
Interest income	2,339
Other revenue	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 1,879,963</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current:	
Public safety, fire protection:	
Emergency services	\$ 1,530,461
Administrative and support services	501,903
Debt service:	
Principal	86,507
Interest on long-term debt	34,946
Loan fees on long-term debt	-
Capital outlay	<u>97,770</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,251,587</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	<u>(371,624)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)</b>	
Net gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets	<u>20,000</u>
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>20,000</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(351,624)
Fund balances – beginning	<u>486,082</u>
Fund balances – ending	<u>\$ 134,458</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (351,624)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense and allocate those costs over the lives of the assets and losses on the disposal of capital assets as expenditures..	97,770
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the statement of activities, but it does not require the use of current financial resources.	(97,680)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds. This is the amount by which revenues reported in the statement of activities exceeded those amounts received and reported as current financial resources in the governmental funds.	397,844
Repayment of the principal of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	86,507
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, specifically:	
Compensated absences	(3,873)
Pension expenses	(442,208)
Claims and judgements	<u>(77,025)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (390,289)</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 31,403
Participant Loan	12,344
Investments, fair value	<u>547,339</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 591,086</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Held in trust for pension benefits	<u>\$ 591,086</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 25,563
Employee	45,086
Loan payments	2,131
Investment earnings and gain (unrealized)	<u>40,507</u>
Total additions	<u>\$ 113,287</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Fees paid	\$ 1,692
Benefits paid	<u>103,238</u>
Total deductions	<u>\$ 104,930</u>
Change in net position	8,357
Net position – beginning as restated	<u>582,729</u>
Net position – ending	<u>\$ 591,086</u>

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

**Hellsgate Fire District**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Hellsgate Fire District (the District) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). A summary of the District's more significant accounting policies follows:

The District has adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 27, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments; Omnibus*, and GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, effective July 1, 2003, as well as GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The District, established in 2008 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute Title 48, is a special purpose local government that is governed by an elected governing body, a legally separate entity, and is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. As required under generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the activities of the District (a special purpose government). Component units are legally separate entities for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. The District does not report any component units.

**B. Government-wide and fund financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report the information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from the business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct 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 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment (e.g. special assessments). Taxes and other revenues not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

**C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Special assessments are recognized as revenues in the year for which the related capital projects are substantially complete. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. User fees, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

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. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED**

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

The District also reports one *Fiduciary Fund*, the Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund, which is used to account for the accumulation of resources to be used for annuity payments and benefits resulting from premium tax contributions received by the District. Fiduciary funds are accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. District contributions are recognized in the period the contributions are due.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**D. Cash and cash equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Arizona Revised Statutes authorize special districts to invest public monies in the Arizona State Treasurer's local government investment pool, interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit and in accounts of any savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the government of the United States, up to the amount of such insurance or pledged collateral. All investments are stated at fair value based on market prices.

**E. Receivables and payables**

All program service receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles, if such estimates are necessary.

The District levies real property taxes on or before the third Monday in August. Such levies, collected by Gila County, become due and payable in two equal installments; the first is due on the first day of October and the second is due on the first day of March in the subsequent year. There is no allowance for uncollectibles on taxes receivable as the District has a subordinated lien on all properties subject to the tax.

**F. Capital assets**

The District's capital assets, which include land, buildings and related improvements, furniture, vehicles, equipment, and construction in progress are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost greater than the established threshold and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Property, plant, and equipment of the District is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

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<u>Type of asset</u>	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$5,000	2 - 40
Improvements, other than building	\$5,000	2 - 40
Furniture, vehicles and equipment	\$5,000	5 - 20

**G. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources**

The statement of net position and balance sheet include separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods that will be recognized as an expense or expenditure in future periods. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to future periods and will be recognized as a revenue in future periods.

**H. Pensions**

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

**I. Compensated absences**

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused personal leave, compensatory and vacation. Upon termination such unused time will be paid according to the District's policies, which vary based on employee function and years of service. Compensated absences are accrued and reported as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds report only the current portion of compensated absences payable as a result of employee termination, resignation or retirement.

**J. Long-term obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets and balance sheet.



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**K. Fund equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on how specific amounts can be spent.

**Nonspendable fund balance** - amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not spendable in form (such as prepaid items or inventory) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted fund balance** - amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed fund balance** - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the District's decision making authority (the Governing Board) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. 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, or an official designated for that purpose.

**Unassigned fund balance** - the residual classification for the District's General Fund that includes amounts not contained in other classifications.

**L. Intergovernmental grants and aid**

Monies received from other government agencies in the form of grants or aid based on an entitlement period are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Reimbursement grants are recorded as intergovernmental receivables and revenues when the related expenditures are incurred.

**M. Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements during the reporting period. Actual amounts may differ from such estimates.

**N. Budgetary accounting**

The District is required, under Arizona Revised Statutes, to adopt a budget each fiscal year and to submit it to the county treasurer and the county board of supervisors no later than the first day of August each year. The adopted budget is on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the legally mandated basis for budgetary purposes.

All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The District is subject to expenditure limitations under Arizona Revised Statutes. This law does not permit the District to incur unsecured debt in excess of its tax levy outstanding and to be collected plus available and unencumbered cash. The limitation is applied to the total of the combined funds.

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**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Arizona Revised Statutes authorize special districts to invest public monies in the Arizona State Treasurer's local government investment pool, interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit and in accounts of any savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the government of the United States, up to the amount of such insurance or pledged collateral. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

**A. District's Cash and Cash Equivalents Deposits**

As of June 30, 2017 the District had \$191,073 on deposit with the Gila County Treasurer's investment pool (GCTIP). The GCTIP is an external investment pool with no regulatory oversight. The investment pool is not required to register (and is not registered) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Gila County Treasurer invests the cash in a pool under policy guidelines established by the County. The County accounts for the investment pool in their Fiduciary Investment Trust Fund. Credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and interest rate risk regarding the GCTIP is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Gila County. The fair value of each participant's position in the GCTIP approximates the value of the participant's shares in the pool.

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* In the case of demand and time deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. As of June 30, 2017, the District's carrying amount of demand deposits was \$9,990 and the bank balance was \$9,990. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation protects the District against loss on the first \$250,000 of demand deposits and \$250,000 of time deposits located within the state. The remaining balance is covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the District's name.

**B. Firefighters' Alternative Pension and Benefit Fund's Cash and Investments (Pension Fund)**

The District's Pension Fund has an investment policy that is designed to provide benefits as anticipated through a carefully planned and executed investment policy that achieves a reasonable long term total return consistent with the level of risk assumed. To help achieve this return, the District has a service agreement with professional investment managers, Nationwide Retirement Solutions. The investments are in the form of mutual funds.

Cash: As of June 30, 2017 the Pension Fund had \$31,403 in demand deposits that were fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Investments: As of June 30, 2017, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, a third party administrator, held investments in the form of mutual funds with a fair market value of \$352,271. As of June 30, 2017, National Benefit Services ((Life Insurance Company of the Southwest (LSW)), a third party administrator, held investments in the form of annuities with a fair market value of \$195,068. The investment objective is long term growth.

*Interest Rate Risk.* Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

*Credit Risk.* Credit risk is the risk that an insurer or other counterparty to an investment in a debt security will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2017 the Pension Fund's investments had not received a credit quality rating from a national rating agency.

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*Custodial Credit Risk.* Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the City will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The District does not have a formal policy for custodial credit.

*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. The District does not have a formal policy for concentration of credit risk.

**NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables as of June 30, 2017 for the District's general fund, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General Fund
Taxes	\$ 38,481
Intergovernmental	436,106
Program services	-
Gross receivables	474,587
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	-
Total receivables, net	\$ 474,587

**NOTE 4 - DEFERRED REVENUE**

Governmental funds report *deferred revenues* in connection with receivables for revenues that are not collected within 60 days as these revenues are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. As of June 30, 2017, deferred revenue consisted of the following:

General Fund	
Deferred intergovernmental revenues	\$ 399,914
Deferred taxes	33,328
Total deferred revenues	\$ 433,242

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land, not depreciated	\$ 203,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 203,777
Construction in progress, not depreciated	675,189	-	(675,189)	-
Buildings and improvements	335,716	772,959	-	1,108,675
Vehicles and apparatus	1,586,906	-	-	1,586,906
Equipment	<u>163,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>143,436</u>
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<u>2,965,024</u>	<u>772,959</u>	<u>(695,189)</u>	<u>3,042,794</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,515,814)</u>	<u>(97,680)</u>	<u>8,572</u>	<u>(1,604,922)</u>
<b>Total capital assets, net</b>	<u>\$ 1,449,210</u>	<u>\$ 675,279</u>	<u>\$ (686,617)</u>	<u>\$ 1,437,872</u>

Depreciation expense for the period was \$97,680; all depreciation was expensed to the public safety - fire protection function.

**NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Capital leases	\$ 945,702	\$ -	\$ (86,507)	\$ 859,195	\$ 82,874
Compensated absences	43,151	3,873	-	47,024	-
PSPRS Pension Obligation	767,145	887,757	-	1,654,902	-
ASRS Pension Obligation	<u>110,631</u>	<u>3,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,601</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total governmental liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 1,866,629</u>	<u>\$ 895,600</u>	<u>\$ (86,507)</u>	<u>\$ 2,675,722</u>	<u>\$ 82,874</u>

**A. Capital leases**

**Purchase Lease:** The District granted leasehold interests in the underlying assets to the creditors (the Banks). The Banks, in turn, leased the property to the District under a long-term agreement. Under this agreement, the District is obligated to make lease payments to the Banks, subject to receiving Board appropriations, until the obligations to the Banks are satisfied. Once the obligations to the Banks are satisfied, all rights, title, and interest in the property are transferred to the District. However, if the Board appropriations are not received, the District is relieved of any subsequent obligation and the obligations are considered in default. If the default is not cured, the District has agreed that the Bank may terminate the leases, take possession of, and liquidate, the assets pledged under the agreement.

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As of June 30, 2017, the assets capitalized and acquired through the capital lease are as follows:

	Governmental Activities
Apparatus and building	\$ 1,200,610
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(219,924)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 980,686</u>

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2017, are as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2018	\$ 120,675
2019	120,675
2020	120,675
2021	120,675
2022	120,675
2023-2032	<u>1,113,873</u>
Total minimum lease payments	1,717,248
Less amount representing interest	<u>(254,680)</u>
Present value of future minimum payments	<u>\$ 859,195</u>

**B. Compensated absences**

All full-time employees of the District are given paid time off based on the amount stated in policy determined by their years of service. Paid time off is accrued on a bi-weekly basis for full time employees and the maximum accrual can not exceed two times the employee's annual accrual rate. Additionally, part-time employees receive paid time off accrued on a pro-rated basis, calculated by dividing the average number of hours worked per week by forty. Any accrued paid time off hours will be paid at 50% upon termination of employment if the employee has completed six (6) months of employment and 75% upon meeting the requirements of the department pension plan when retiring.

**NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Inter-governmental agreements and indemnifications**

The District is party to a variety of inter-governmental agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business pursuant to which it may be obligated to provide services outside of its geographic boundaries and/or receive assistance from other parties. As part of these agreements, the District is obligated to indemnify other parties for certain liabilities that arise out of, or relate to, the subject matter of the agreements.

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**B. Risk management**

The District is contingently liable for claims and judgments resulting from lawsuits incidental to normal operations. In the opinion of the District's management, adverse decisions that might result, to the extent not covered by insurance, would not have a material effect on the financial statements. The District has not incurred claims in excess of insurance coverage in any of the last three fiscal years. No provision has been made in the financial statements for possible losses of this nature.

**NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND POST EMPLOYMENT PLANS**

The District contributes to multiple plans as described below. Benefits for non-public safety personnel and for public safety personnel are established by state statutes which regulate retirement, death, long-term disability, and survivor insurance premium benefits.

At June 30, 2016, the District reported the following aggregate amounts related to pensions for which it contributes:

	<b>ASRS</b>	<b>PSPRS</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net pension liability	\$ 114,601	\$ 1,654,902	\$ 1,769,503
Deferred outflows of resources	20,925	909,309	930,234
Deferred inflows of resources	19,858	31,087	50,945
Pension expense recognized	(7,556)	482,195	474,639

**A. Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS)**

Plan Description: Eligible employees of the District not covered by the other pension plans described below participate in The *Arizona State Retirement System* (ASRS). The ASRS administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit health insurance premium benefit (OPEB) plan, and a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit long term disability (OPEB) plan. The Arizona State Retirement Board governs the ASRS according to the provisions of A.R.S. Title 38, Chapter 5, Articles 2 and 2.1. The ASRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes its financial statements and required supplementary information. The report is available on its website at [www.azasrs.gov](http://www.azasrs.gov).

Benefits Provided: The ASRS provides retirement, health insurance premium supplement, long-term disability and survivor benefits. State statute establishes benefit terms. Retirement benefits are calculated on the basis of age, average monthly compensation, and service credit as follows:

<b>Retirement and Disability</b>	<b>Initial Membership Date:</b>	
	<b>Before July 1, 2011</b>	<b>On or After July 1, 2011</b>
Years of service and age required to receive benefit	Sum of years and age equals 80 10 years age 62 5 years age 50* any years age 65	30 years age 55 25 years age 60 10 years age 62 5 years age 50* any years age 65
Final average salary is based on	Highest 36 consecutive months of last 120 months	Highest 60 consecutive months of last 120 months
Benefit percent per year of service	2.1% to 2.3%	2.1% to 2.3%

\*With actuarially reduced benefits

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Retirement benefits for members who joined the ASRS prior to September 13, 2013, are subject to automatic cost-of-living adjustments based on excess investment earnings. Members with an initial membership date on or after September 13, 2013 are not eligible for cost-of-living adjustments. Survivor benefits are payable upon a member's death. For retired members, the survivor benefit is determined by the retirement benefit option chosen. For all other members, the beneficiary is entitled to the member's account balance that includes the member's contributions and employer's contributions, plus interest earned.

Contributions: In accordance with state statutes, annual actuarial valuations determine active member and employer contribution requirements. The combined active member and employer contribution rates are expected to finance the costs of benefits employees earn during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. For the year ended June 30, 2017, active ASRS members were required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 11.48 percent (11.34 percent for retirement and 0.14 percent for long-term disability) of the members' annual covered payroll, and the District was required by statute to contribute at the actuarially determined rate of 11.48 percent (10.78 percent for retirement, 0.56 percent for health insurance premium benefit, and 0.14 percent for long-term disability) of the members' annual covered payroll.

The District's contributions to ASRS for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$7,810, \$7,617, and \$7,643, respectively, which were equal to the required contributions for the years then ended. During fiscal year 2017 100% of all contributions were paid from the General Fund.

Pension liability: At June 30, 2017 the District reported a liability of \$114,601 for its proportionate share of the ASRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015, to the measurement date of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 reflects a change in actuarial assumptions for a decrease to loads for future potential permanent benefit increases. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2016. The District's proportion measured as of June 30, 2016 was 0.00071%.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources: As of June 30, 2017, the district reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to ASRS from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 696	\$ 7,884
Changes in assumptions	12,419	6,063
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	5,911
District contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>7,810</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,925</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,858</u></b>

The \$7,810 reported as deferred outflows of resources relates to ASRS pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date are recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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<b>Year ending June 30,</b>	
2017	\$ (10,385)
2018	(4,898)
2019	5,057
2020	3,482

Actuarial assumptions: The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the total pension liability are as follows:

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2015
Actuarial roll forward date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Investment rate of return	8%
Projected salary increases	3% - 6.75%
Inflation	3%
Permanent benefit increase	Included
Mortality rates	1994 GAM Scale BB

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ended June 30, 2012. The long-term expected rate of return on ASRS pension plan investments was determined to be 8.75 percent using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future and real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return Arithmetic Basis</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	58 %	6.73 %	3.90 %
Fixed Income	25 %	3.70 %	0.93 %
Real Estate	10 %	4.25 %	0.42 %
Commodities	2 %	3.84 %	0.08 %
Multi-asset class	5 %	3.41 %	0.17 %
Total	<u>100 %</u>		<u>5.50 %</u>
Inflation			<u>3.25 %</u>
Expected arithmetic nominal return			<u>8.75 %</u>

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the ASRS total pension liability was 8 percent, which is less than the long-term expected rate of return of 8.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on the ASRS Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rate under Arizona statute. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future 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.



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Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the ASRS Net Pension Liability in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (7 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (9 percent) than the current rate Source: *ASRS schedule of pension amounts by employer*

	1% Decrease (7%)	Current Discount Rate (8%)	1% Increase (9%)
The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 146,125	\$ 114,601	\$ 89,326

Pension Fiduciary Plan net Position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ASRS financial report.

**B. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System**

Plan Description: The *Public Safety Personnel Retirement System* (PSPRS) is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers public safety personnel who are regularly assigned hazardous duty as employees of the State of Arizona or one of its political subdivisions. The PSPRS, acting as a common investment and administrative agent, is governed by a seven member board, known as the Board of Trustees and the participating local boards govern the PSPRS, according to the provisions of ARS Title 38, Chapter 5, Article 4. The PSPRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for PSPRS. The reports are available on the PSPRS website at [www.psprs.com](http://www.psprs.com).

Contributions from Other Entities: Proceeds from the annual tax collected by the State of Arizona on fire insurance premiums are contributed to PSPRS and reallocated to participants based on actuarial estimates. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the amount credited to the District's plan and included in the pension cost as described below, totaled \$7,181.

Benefits Provided: The *Public Safety Personnel Retirement System* provides retirement, health insurance premium supplement, disability and survivor benefits. State statute establishes benefit terms. Retirement, disability and survivor benefits are calculated on the basis of age, average monthly compensation, and service credit as follows.

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<b>Retirement and Disability</b>	<b>Initial Membership Date:</b>	
	<b>Before January 1, 2012</b>	<b>On or After January 1, 2012</b>
Years of service and age required to receive benefit	20 years any age 15 years age 62	25 years age 52.5
Final average salary is based on	Highest 36 consecutive months of last 20 years	Highest 60 consecutive months of last 20 years.
<b>Benefit percent</b>		
Normal Retirement	50% less 2.0% for each year of credited service less than 20 years OR plus 2.0% to 2.5% for each year of credited service over 20 years, not to exceed 80%	2.5 % per year of credited service, not to exceed 80%
Accidental Disability Retirement	50% or normal retirement, whichever is greater	
Catastrophic Disability Retirement	90% for the first 60 months, then reduced to either 62.5% or normal retirement, whichever is greater	
Ordinary Disability Retirement	Normal retirement calculated with of actual years of credited service or 20 years of credited service, whichever is greater, multiplied by years of credited service (not to exceed 20 years) divided by 20	
<b>Survivor Benefit</b>		
Retired Members	80% to 100% of retired member's pension benefit	
Active Members	80% to 100% of accidental disability retirement benefit or 100% of average monthly compensation if death was the result of injuries received on the job	

Retirement and survivor benefits are subject to automatic cost-of-living adjustments based on excess investment earnings. PSPRS also provides temporary disability benefits of fifty percent (50%) of the member's compensation up to twelve (12) months.

Employees covered by benefit terms: At June 30, 2017, the following employees were covered by the agent pension plans' benefit terms:

Active employees	7
Retirees & Beneficiaries	2
DROP	1
Inactive/Vested	<u>1</u>
Total	11

Contributions: State statutes establish the pension contribution requirements for active PSPRS employees. In accordance with state statutes, annual actuarial valuations determine employer contribution requirements for PSPRS and health insurance premium benefits. The combined active member and employer contribution rates are expected to finance costs of benefits employees earn during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2017 are indicated below. Rates are a percentage of active members' annual covered payroll:

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**Contribution Rates**

Active members - hired before 7/20/11 - Employee rate	7.65 %
Active members - hired after 7/20/11 - Employee rate	11.65 %
District - Pension	23.46%
District - Health insurance premium benefit included in District Pension percentage above	00.68 %

For this agent plan, the District's contributions to the pension plan and annual OPEB cost and contributions for the health insurance premium benefit for the year ended June 30, 2017 were:

**Pension**

Contributions made	\$ 141,556
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**Health Insurance Premium Benefit**

Annual OPEB cost Contributions made	\$ 900
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During the year ended June 30, 2017 the District paid all PSPRS pension and OPEB contributions from the General Fund.

Pension liability/(asset): At June 30, 2017, the District had a net pension liability/(asset) of \$1,654,902. The net pension liabilities/(asset) were measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

**Pension actuarial assumptions** — The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the total pension liability are as follows:

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Investment rate of return	7.5%
Projected salary increases	4.0% - 8.0%
Inflation	4.0%
Permanent benefit increase	Included
Investment rate of return	7.85%, net of investment and administrative expenses
Retirement age	Experience-based table of rates that is specific to the type of eligibility condition. Last updated for the 2012 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2011.
Mortality rates	RP-2000 mortality table projected to 2015 using projection scale AA (adjusted by 105% for both males and females).

A detailed description of the actuarial assumptions and methods can be found in the June 30, 2016 Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System annual actuarial valuation report.

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Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ended June 30, 2011.

The long-term expected rate of return on PSPRS pension plan investments was determined to be 7.5% using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Short term investments	2 %	0.75%
Absolute return	5 %	4.11%
Risk parity	4 %	5.13%
Fixed income	7 %	2.92%
Real assets	8 %	4.77%
GTAA	10 %	4.38%
Private equity	11 %	9.50%
Real estate	10 %	4.48%
Credit opportunities	13 %	7.08%
Non U.S. equity	14 %	8.25%
U.S. equity	<u>16 %</u>	6.23%
Total	<u>100 %</u>	

Pension discount rate: The District's PSPRS plan utilized a discount rate of 7.5%.

The projection of cash flows used to determine the PSPRS discount rates assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the actuarially determined contribution rate and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Changes in the Net Pension Liability:

	<b>Increase</b>	<b>(Decrease)</b>	
	<b>Total Pension</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary</b>	<b>Net Pension</b>
	<b>Liability</b>	<b>Net Position</b>	<b>Liability</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(a) - (b)</b>
Balances at June 30, 2016	\$ 2,372,094	\$ 1,604,949	\$ 767,145
Changes for the current year:			
Service cost	114,686	-	114,686
Interest on the total pension liability	187,060	-	187,060
Changes of benefit terms	341,398	-	341,398
Differences between expected and actual experience of the total pension liability	237,255	-	237,255
Changes of assumptions	128,471	-	128,471
Contributions - Employer	-	116,013	(116,013)
Contributions - Employee	-	74,348	(74,348)
Net investment income	-	9,539	(9,539)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(93,008)	(93,008)	-
Administrative expense and other changes	-	(1,762)	1,762
Net Changes	<u>915,862</u>	<u>105,130</u>	<u>810,732</u>
Balances at June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 3,287,956</u>	<u>\$ 1,710,079</u>	<u>\$ 1,577,877</u>

Sensitivity of the District's Net pension liability to changes in the Discount Rate: The following table presents the District's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate noted above, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate.

	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
	<b>(6.50%)</b>	<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>(8.50%)</b>
	<b>(6.50%)</b>	<b>(7.50%)</b>	<b>(8.50%)</b>
The District's net pension liability	\$ 2,085,546	\$ 1,577,877	\$ 1,166,807

Pension plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PSPRS financial reports.

Pension expense and deferred outflows/inflows of resources: For the year ended June 30, 2017 the District recognized pension expense for PSPRS of \$482,195. As of June 30, 2017, the district reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PSPRS from the following sources:

	<b>Defered</b>	<b>Deferred</b>
	<b>Outflows of</b>	<b>Inflows of</b>
	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 516,302	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	146,794	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	104,657	31,087
District contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>141,556</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 909,309</u>	<u>\$ 31,087</u>

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The \$141,556 reported as deferred outflows of resources relates to PSPRS pensions resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year ending June 30,</b>	
2018	\$ 126,303
2019	126,304
2020	141,845
2021	128,653
2022	98,932
Thereafter	145,716

**Agent plan OPEB actuarial assumptions** — The health insurance premium benefit contribution requirements for the year ended June 30, 2016, were established by the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuations, and those actuarial valuations were based on the following actuarial methods and assumptions.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the reported amounts' value and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the plans' funded status and the annual required contributions are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made. The required schedule of funding progress for the health insurance premium benefit presented as required supplementary information provides multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of the plans' assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

Projections of benefits are based on (1) the plans as the District and plans' members understand them and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date, and (2) the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the District and plans' members to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to establish the fiscal year 2017 contribution requirements:

Agent plan OPEB contribution requirements:

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2017
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	19 years for underfunded, 20 years for overfunded
Asset valuation method	7-year smoothed market value (80%/120% market)
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.40%
Projected salary increases	3.5% - 7.5%
Payroll growth	3.5%
Permanent Benefit Increases	The cost-of-living adjustment will be based on the average annual percentage change in the Metropolitan Phoenix-Mesa Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics. We have assumed that to be 1.75% for this valuation.

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Agent plan OPEB trend information: The table below present the annual OPEB costs information for health insurance premium benefit for the current and two preceding years:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percent of Annual Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
2017	\$ 953	100 %	\$ -
2016	3,572	100 %	-
2015	6,190	100 %	-

Agent plan OPEB funded status: The health insurance premium benefit plans' funded status as of the most recent valuation date, June 30, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Valuation date June 30,</u>	<u>Actuarial Value of Plan Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Funding Liability (AAL)</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>	<u>Annual Covered Payroll</u>	<u>UAAL as % of Covered Payroll</u>
2017	\$ 67,748	\$ 69,931	\$ 2,183	97 %	\$ 455,110	- %
2016	63,165	51,284	\$ (11,881)	123 %	573,718	- %
2015	54,763	42,078	(12,685)	130 %	463,854	- %

Pension Lawsuit Judgment: The Arizona Supreme Court ruled on the Hall vs, Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) (383 P. 3d 1107, 241 Ariz. 33) and the Parker v. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System plan (PSPRS) lawsuits. The court determined that increases in employee contribution rates for active PSPRS plan members hired prior to the law's effective date were unconstitutional. As a result, these members are entitled to refunds of excess employee contributions, plus interest. Employers must provide these refunds due to Internal Revenue Service regulations preventing PSPRS from issuing the refunds from plan trusts. As such, in July, 2017, the District refunded excess contributions totaling \$67,861 to the affected employees. In January, 2018 the District paid an additional \$9,164, as a lump sum interest payment, to those same employees. The total of these two amounts will be taken as a credit against the District's PSPRS employer contributions during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The excess contributions plus interest totaling totaling \$77,025 are reflected on the Statement of Net Position as part of net pension liability and the Statement of Activities as claims and judgments.

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**C. Deferred Compensation Plan**

The District has established a defined contribution deferred compensation plan for all fulltime employees in order to provide for supplementary retirement benefits. Contributions to the plan are administered by a third-party, Nationwide Retirement Solutions. Employer contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2017 totaled \$24,975. The District provides neither administrative services nor investment advice. Accordingly, no fiduciary relationship exists between the District and the compensation plan.

**NOTE 9 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

The District's Fiduciary Fund Net Position, as previously reported at June 30, 2016, has been restated as follows for the correction of an error in the valuation of the beginning net position. The error was due to National Benefit Services not providing timely investment reports and statements to the District. The District is still in the process of transferring all funds held by National Benefit Services to Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

Fiduciary fund net position as previously reported at June 30, 2016	\$ 357,500
Prior period adjustment	<u>225,229</u>
Net position as of June 30, 2016, as restated	<u>\$ 582,729</u>

**NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing the financial statements, the District has evaluated events and transactions for potential disclosure through March 19, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred subsequent to June 30, 2017 that would require disclosure.