

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS  
YUCCA VALLEY  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**REPORT ON AUDIT**

**JUNE 30, 2008**

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Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District Yucca Valley Fire Protection District (District), a component unit of the County of San Bernardino, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. 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 State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirement for California Special Districts. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District Yucca Valley Fire Protection District, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as accounting systems prescribed by the State Controller's Office and state regulations governing special districts.

The budgetary comparison information on page 24 is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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The County of San Bernardino Special District Yucca Valley Fire Protection District has not presented the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

*Rogers, Anderson, Malody + Scott, LLA*

November 26, 2008

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts**  
**Yucca Valley Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Net Assets**  
**June 30, 2008**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,517,347	\$ 76,548	\$ 1,593,895
Accounts receivable, net	-	715,408	715,408
Interest receivable	-	1,532	1,532
Due from other governments	191,047	-	191,047
Capital assets, net of depreciation	461,678	42,993	504,671
	<u>2,170,072</u>	<u>836,481</u>	<u>3,006,553</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	36,735	10,920	47,655
Salaries and benefits payable	39,770	-	39,770
Due to other governments	162,262	-	162,262
Compensated absences payable	302,848	-	302,848
	<u>541,615</u>	<u>10,920</u>	<u>552,535</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Invested in capital assets	461,678	42,993	504,671
Unrestricted	1,166,779	782,568	1,949,347
	<u>\$ 1,628,457</u>	<u>\$ 825,561</u>	<u>\$ 2,454,018</u>

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

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts**  
**Yucca Valley Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 4,146,022	\$ 32,409	\$ 4,178,431
Services and supplies	774,985	8,624	783,609
Intergovernmental	227,387	-	227,387
Depreciation	83,956	6,777	90,733
Professional fees	-	103,987	103,987
Total Program Expenses	5,232,350	151,797	5,384,147
<b>PROGRAM REVENUE</b>			
Charges for services	-	1,501,816	1,501,816
Total Program (Expense) Revenue	(5,232,350)	1,350,019	(3,882,331)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Property taxes	3,612,964	-	3,612,964
Other taxes	289,833	-	289,833
State assistance	53,438	-	53,438
Rents and concessions	37,453	-	37,453
Interest	185	4,280	4,465
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	7,935	(6,565)	1,370
Intergovernmental	270,000	-	270,000
Other	97,455	925	98,380
<b>TRANSFERS - INTERNAL ACTIVITIES</b>	838,371	(838,371)	-
Total General Revenues (Expenses) and Transfers	5,207,634	(839,731)	4,367,903
Change in Net Assets	(24,716)	510,288	485,572
<b>Net Assets - beginning</b>	1,653,173	315,273	1,968,446
<b>Net Assets - ending</b>	\$ 1,628,457	\$ 825,561	\$ 2,454,018

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2008**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND <u>General (SRS)</u>	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND <u>Station Remodel (CKA)</u>	Total Governmental Funds <u></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,517,343	\$ 4	\$ 1,517,347
Due from other governments	191,047	-	191,047
 Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,708,390</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 1,708,394</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 36,735	\$ -	\$ 36,735
Salaries and benefits payable	39,770	-	39,770
Due to other governments	162,262	-	162,262
Total Liabilities	<u>238,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,767</u>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances	114,012	-	114,012
Imprest cash	500	-	500
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	1,355,111	4	1,355,115
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,469,623</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1,469,627</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,708,390</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (Exhibit A) are different because:

Capital assets used in *governmental activities* are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. 461,678

Compensated absences payable are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (302,848)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 1,628,457

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts**  
**Yucca Valley Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND	Total
	General (SRS)	Station Remodel (CKA)	Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 3,612,964	\$ -	\$ 3,612,964
Other taxes	289,833	-	289,833
Rents and concessions	37,453	-	37,453
State assistance	53,438	-	53,438
Contributions from other governments	270,000	-	270,000
Investment earnings	-	185	185
Other	97,455	-	97,455
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,361,143</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4,361,328</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and benefits	3,855,989	-	3,855,989
Services and supplies	774,985	-	774,985
Contributions to other governments	227,387	-	227,387
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,858,361</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,858,361</b>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(497,218)	185	(497,033)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Sale of capital assets	7,935	-	7,935
Transfer in	843,004	-	843,004
Transfer out	-	(4,633)	(4,633)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>850,939</b>	<b>(4,633)</b>	<b>846,306</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>353,721</b>	<b>(4,448)</b>	<b>349,273</b>
<b>Fund Balances - beginning</b>	<b>1,115,902</b>	<b>4,452</b>	<b>1,120,354</b>
<b>Fund Balances - ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,623</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,627</b>

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	349,273
<p>Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of activities are different because:</p>		
<p>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. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$83,956) exceeded capital outlay (\$-0-) in the current period.</p>		
		(83,956)
<p>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 governmental funds.</p>		
Increase in compensated absences payable		(290,033)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	(24,716)

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Statement of Net Assets  
Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2008**

	<b>Enterprise Fund</b>
	Ambulance (EGP)
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,548
Accounts receivable, net	715,408
Interest receivable	1,532
Total Current Assets	793,488
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Equipment	73,528
Accumulated depreciation	(30,535)
Total Noncurrent Assets	42,993
Total Assets	836,481
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	10,920
Total Liabilities	10,920
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets	42,993
Unrestricted	782,568
Total Net Assets	\$ 825,561

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	<b>Enterprise Fund</b>
	Ambulance (EGP)
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>	
Service fees	\$ 1,501,816
Total Operating Revenue	1,501,816
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Professional services	103,987
Salaries and benefits	32,409
Services and supplies	8,624
Depreciation	6,777
Total Operating Expenses	151,797
Operating Income	1,350,019
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	
Investment earnings	4,280
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(6,565)
Other	925
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(1,360)
Income Before Transfers	1,348,659
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	(838,371)
Change in Net Assets	510,288
<b>Total Net Assets - beginning</b>	315,273
<b>Total Net Assets - ending</b>	\$ 825,561

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**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	<b>Enterprise Fund</b>
	Ambulance
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,035,328
Payments to suppliers	(101,879)
Payments to employees	(32,409)
	901,040
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Transfers out	(838,371)
	(838,371)
<b>Net Cash Used for Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Purchases of capital assets	(23,512)
Other income	925
	(22,587)
<b>Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Investment earnings	4,467
	44,549
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	
	31,999
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning of the year</b>	
	76,548
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - end of the year</b>	
	\$ 76,548
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>	
Operating income	\$ 1,350,019
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	6,777
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable, net	(466,489)
Increase in accounts payable	10,920
Decrease in due to other governments	(187)
	901,040
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	
	\$ 901,040

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

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
Yucca Valley Fire Protection District  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2008**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Reporting entity**

The Yucca Valley Fire Protection District (District) was established by an act of the Board of Supervisors of the County (Board) on July 1951, to provide fire inspection, suppression, protection, first aid, and rescue services to the community of Yucca Valley.

The District is a component unit of the County of San Bernardino and is governed by the actions of the County Board of Supervisors.

The accompanying financial statements reflect only the accounts of the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District of the County of San Bernardino and are not intended to present the financial position of the County taken as a whole.

Because the District meets the reporting entity criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the District's financial statements have also been included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the County as a "component unit" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

**Government-wide and fund financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements (e.g., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the reporting entity. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *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. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Currently, the District does not have any fiduciary fund types. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts**  
**Yucca Valley Fire Protection District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2008**

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* 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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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 government 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.

Property taxes are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues in the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The government reports the following major governmental fund:

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

The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

The *enterprise fund* labeled "Ambulance" accounts for the activities of the District, a blended component unit of the County. The District operates the ambulance transportation services under the administration of the County Fire Department.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
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June 30, 2008**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the District enterprise fund is charges to customers for ambulance transportation services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of salaries and benefits, service and supplies, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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

**Deposits and investments**

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.

**Receivables and payables**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (e.g., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (e.g., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles when applicable. The accounts receivable balance of the Ambulance Enterprise Fund at June 30, 2008 is net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$738,982.

**Property taxes**

Secured property taxes are levied in two equal installments, November 1 and February 1. They become delinquent with penalties on December 10 and April 10, respectively. The lien date is January 1 of each year. Unsecured property taxes are due on March 1st lien date and become delinquent with penalties on August 31.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2008**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

**Inventories and prepaid items**

Inventories, if any, are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out method. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Capital assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (for improvements to land and structures and equipment) and have an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Structures with an initial cost of \$100,000 are considered capital assets. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Infrastructure	40 - 60
Structures and improvements	5 - 40
Equipment and vehicles	4 - 15

**Fund equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

**Employee compensated absences**

Accumulated vacation, holiday benefits, sick pay and compensatory time are recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits are earned. Compensated absence liabilities are recorded as a current liability. The District is not obligated to pay for unused sick leave if an employee terminates or retires.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Compensated absences activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
\$ 12,815	\$ 366,838	\$ 76,805	\$ 302,848

**Use of estimates**

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

**Stewardship, compliance and accountability**

A. Budgetary information

In accordance with provisions of Section 29000 - 29143 of the Government code of the State of California, commonly known as the County Budget Act, the District prepares and adopts a budget on or before August 30 for each fiscal year.

Budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is the object level and the sub-object level for fixed assets within each fund.

Amendments or transfers of appropriations between funds or departments must be approved by the Board. Transfers at the sub-object level or cost center level may be done at the discretion of the Special District's Administration Department head. Any deficiency of budgeted revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses is financed by beginning available fund balances as provided for in the County Budget Act.

B. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
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June 30, 2008**

NOTE 2: CASH AND DEPOSITS

Cash and cash equivalents includes the cash balance of monies deposited with the County Treasurer which are pooled and invested for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities. Interest earned on pooled investments is deposited to the District's account based upon the District's average daily deposit balance during the allocation period. Cash and cash equivalents are shown at the fair value as of June 30, 2008.

See the County of San Bernardino's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for details of their investment policy and disclosures related to investment credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and custodial credit risk, as required by GASB Statement No. 40.

NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

At June 30, 2008, the receivables were composed of the following:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Ambulance</u>	<u>Nonmajor and Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ -	\$ 1,454,390	\$ -	\$ 1,454,390
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-</u>	<u>(738,982)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(738,982)</u>
Net Total Accounts Receivables	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 715,408</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 715,408</u>

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts  
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NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 8,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,271
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>8,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,271</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land improvements	35,865	-	-	35,865
Structures and improvements	222,880	-	-	222,880
Vehicles	1,835,262	-	(60,720)	1,774,542
Equipment	119,983	-	-	119,983
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,213,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,720)</u>	<u>2,153,270</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Land improvements	(5,565)	(1,125)	-	(6,690)
Structures and improvements	(33,991)	(4,953)	-	(38,944)
Vehicles	(1,573,806)	(70,738)	60,720	(1,583,824)
Equipment	(63,265)	(7,140)	-	(70,405)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,676,627)</u>	<u>(83,956)</u>	<u>60,720</u>	<u>(1,699,863)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>537,363</u>	<u>(83,956)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>453,407</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 545,634</u>	<u>\$ (83,956)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 461,678</u>

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NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<b>Business-type activities:</b>				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 62,520	\$ 23,512	\$ (12,504)	\$ 73,528
Total capital assets, being depreciated	62,520	23,512	(12,504)	73,528
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment	(29,697)	(6,777)	5,939	(30,535)
Total accumulated depreciation	(29,697)	(6,777)	5,939	(30,535)
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 32,823</u>	<u>\$ 16,735</u>	<u>\$ (6,565)</u>	<u>\$ 42,993</u>

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN

**Plan Description**

The San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (the "Plan") operating under the California County Employees Retirement Act of 1937 ("1937 Act"). It provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to members. Although legally established as a single employer plan, the City of Big Bear Lake, the City of Chino Hills, the California State Association of Counties, the San Bernardino County Law Library, Crest Forest Fire Protection District, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), were later included, along with the County of San Bernardino (the "County"), and are collectively referred to as the "Participating Members." The plan is governed by the San Bernardino Board of Retirement under the 1937 Act. Employees become eligible for membership on their first day of regular employment and become fully vested after 5 years. SBCERA issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained by contacting the Board of Retirement, 348 W Hospitality Lane - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, San Bernardino, California 92415-0014.

**Fiduciary Responsibility**

The Retirement Association is controlled by its own board, the Retirement Board, which acts as a fiduciary agent for the accounting and control of member and employee contributions and investment income. The Retirement Association publishes its own Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and receives a separate independent audit. The Retirement Association is also a legally separate entity from the County and not a component unit. For these reasons, the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report excludes the Retirement Association pension trust fund as of June 30, 2008.

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NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

**Funding Policy**

Participating members are required by statute (Sections 31621, 31621.2 and 31639.25 of the California Government Code) to contribute a percentage of covered salary based on certain actuarial assumptions and their age at entry to the Plan. Employee contribution rates vary according to age and classification (general or safety). General members are required to contribute 8.97% - 12.84% and safety members 11.14% - 15.09% of their annual covered salaries, of which the County pays approximately 7%. County of San Bernardino employer contribution rates are 12.03% for general members and 24.84% for safety members. All employers combined are required to contribute 14.46% of the current year covered payroll. For 2008, the County's annual pension cost of \$203,712,000 was equal to the County's required and actual contributions. Employee contribution rates are established and may be amended pursuant to Articles 6 and 6.8 of the 1937 Act. Employer rates are determined pursuant to Sections 31453 of the 1937 Act.

The County's annual pension cost and prepaid asset, computed in accordance with GASB 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers*, for the year ended June 30, 2008, were as follows (in thousands):

Annual Required Contribution (County fiscal year basis)	\$	203,712
Interest on Pension Assets		(32,917)
Adjustment to the Annual Required Contribution		47,803
Annual Pension Cost		218,598
Annual Contributions Made		203,712
Increase/(Decrease) in Pension Assets		(14,886)
Pension Assets, Beginning of Year		828,602
Pension Assets, End of Year	\$	813,716

The following table shows the County's required contributions and percentage contributed for the current year and two preceding years:

Year Ended June 30,	Annual Contributions Made (in thousands)		Percentage Contributed
	SBCERA	County	
2006	\$ 197,343	\$ 166,614	100%
2007	\$ 239,857	\$ 194,130	100%
2008	\$ 241,721	\$ 203,712	100%

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**NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)**

The County, along with the AQMD, issued Pension Refunding Bonds (the "Bonds") in November 1995 with an aggregate amount of \$420,527,000. These Bonds were issued to allow the County and the AQMD to refinance each of their unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities with respect to retirement benefits for their respective employees. The Bonds are the obligations of the employers participating in the Plan, and the assets of the Plan do not secure the Bonds. The County's portion of the bond issuance was \$386,266,000. In April 2008, the County refunded a portion of the Bonds. The current amount outstanding at June 30, 2008 is \$432,767,000.

On June 24, 2004, the County issued its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 A (Fixed Rate Bonds), its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 B (Auction Rate Bonds), and its County of San Bernardino Pension Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 C (Index Bonds) in respective aggregate principal amounts of \$189,070,000, \$149,825,000, and \$125,000,000. The Bonds were issued to finance the County's share of the unfunded accrued actuarial liability of the SBCERA. In April 2008, the County refunded a portion of the Series 2004 A and all of the 2004 Series B. The current amount outstanding at June 30, 2008 is \$301,595,000.

In April 2008, the County of San Bernardino issued its \$160,900,000 in Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds (POB), Series 2008 (the "Series 2008 Bonds"). The current amount outstanding at June 30, 2008 is \$160,900,000.

**NOTE 6: FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

From time to time the District may receive funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The CSA is insured through the County's self-insurance programs for public liability, property damage, unemployment insurance, employee dental insurance, hospital and medical malpractice liability and workers' compensation claims. Public liability claims are self-insured for up to \$1 million per occurrence. Excess insurance coverage over the Self-Insured Retention (SIR) up to \$35 million is provided through a Risk Pool Agreement with California State Association of Counties Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC EIA) Liability Program II. Workers' compensation claims are self-insured up to \$2 million per occurrence and covered by CSAC EIA for up to \$10 million for employer's liability and up to \$50 million for workers' compensation per occurrence. Property damage claims are insured on an occurrence basis over a \$25,000 deductible, and insured with CSAC EIA Property Program.

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NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The County supplements its self-insurance for medical malpractice claims with CSAC EIA, which provides annual coverage on a per claim basis with an SIR of \$1 million for each claim. Maximum coverage under the policy is \$11.5 million per claim with an additional \$10 million in limits provided by the CSAC EIA General Liability II Program.

All public officials and County employees are insured under a blanket Comprehensive Disappearance, Destruction, and Dishonesty policy covering County monies and securities, also with CSAC EIA with a \$100,000 deductible, and excess limits up to \$10 million per occurrence.

The activities related to such programs are accounted for in the County's Risk Management Fund (an Internal Service Fund) except for unemployment insurance and employee dental insurance, which are accounted for in the County's General Fund. The IBNR (Incurred But Not Reported) and IBNS (Incurred But Not Settled) liabilities stated on the Risk Management Fund's balance sheet are based upon the results of actuarial studies, and include amounts for allocated and unallocated loss adjustment expenses. The liabilities for these claims are reported using a discounted rate of 2.75%. It is the County's practice to obtain actuarial studies on an annual basis.

The total claims liability of \$149.3 million reported at June 30, 2008 is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

Changes in the claims liability amount in fiscal years 2007 and 2008 were:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Beginning of Fiscal Year Liability (in thousands)</b>	<b>Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates (in thousands)</b>	<b>Claims Payments (in thousands)</b>	<b>End of Fiscal Year Liability (in thousands)</b>
2006-07	\$ 127,233	\$ 34,312	\$ (31,862)	\$ 129,683
2007-08	\$ 129,683	\$ 51,702	\$ (32,064)	\$ 149,321

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NOTE 8:      TRANSFERS IN/OUT

Interfund transfers are transactions used to close out a fund, reimburse an operating fund, and transfer cash between operating funds and capital projects funds. At June 30, 2008, the District made the following interfund transfers in and out:

	<u>Transfers in:</u>
<u>Transfer out:</u>	Governmental Activities General (SRS)
Business-type activities -	
Ambulance	\$      838,371
Nonmajor funds:	
Capital projects	<u>          4,633</u>
Total transfers in	<u><u>          \$      843,004</u></u>

NOTE 9:      PROPOSITION 111 APPROPRIATION LIMITS

Proposition 111, which added Article XIIIB to the State Constitution, established limits on budget appropriations in order to restrict government spending. We have reviewed the proceeds of taxes received by the District during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and have found the revenue to be within the guidelines established by Proposition 111.

NOTE 10:     CONTINGENCIES

As of June 30, 2008, in the opinion of the District Administration, there are no outstanding matters, which would have a significant effect on the financial position of the District.

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**NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On January 16, 2008, the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of San Bernardino approved Resolution No. 2989, which reorganized the County of San Bernardino's Fire Districts, County Service Areas (CSA) and Special Assessment Zones. This resolution took effect on July 1, 2008, and detached, dissolved or renamed the specific Fire Districts, CSAs and Special Assessment Zones related to the reorganization into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

The purpose of the reorganization was to continue to provide a financial means to maintain current and meet future levels of service to those areas within the County of San Bernardino. Prior to the reorganization, some of the Districts and CSAs were beginning to fail financially, and were in danger of not being able to maintain the current required level of service. With the reorganization, County Fire was able to better consolidate resources by geographic regions in order to continue the ability to provide a consistent level of service to those areas.

In the reorganization, the applicable property taxes will remain in the established regions in which the original Districts, CSAs and Special Assessment Zones were located. Additionally, this reorganization binds the new entities to the original budgets approved by the Board of Supervisors.

**Required Supplementary Information**  
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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Special Revenue Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	General (SRS)			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 3,882,505	\$ 3,882,505	\$ 3,612,964	\$ (269,541)
Other taxes	117,589	117,589	289,833	172,244
Rents and concessions	47,040	47,040	37,453	(9,587)
State assistance	-	-	53,438	53,438
Intergovernmental	-	-	270,000	270,000
Other	62,050	62,050	97,455	35,405
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>4,109,184</u>	<u>4,109,184</u>	<u>4,361,143</u>	<u>251,959</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Salaries and benefits	4,074,277	4,093,877	3,855,989	237,888
Services and supplies	648,996	629,396	774,985	(145,589)
Contributions to other governments	-	-	227,387	(227,387)
Reserves and contingencies	734,033	734,033	-	734,033
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>5,457,306</u>	<u>5,457,306</u>	<u>4,858,361</u>	<u>598,945</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,348,122)</u>	<u>(1,348,122)</u>	<u>(497,218)</u>	<u>850,904</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	7,935	7,935
Transfer in	859,645	859,645	843,004	(16,641)
Transfer out	(289,932)	(289,932)	-	289,932
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>569,713</u>	<u>569,713</u>	<u>850,939</u>	<u>281,226</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ (778,409)</u>	<u>\$ (778,409)</u>	353,721	<u>\$ 1,132,130</u>
<b>Fund Balance - beginning</b>			<u>1,115,902</u>	
<b>Fund Balance - ending</b>			<u>\$ 1,469,623</u>	