

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA No. 82
SEARLES VALLEY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 82
Searles Valley
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Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 82 (CSA) Searles Valley, a component unit of the County of San Bernardino, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise CSA'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.

Auditor's 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 minimum audit requirements and reporting guidelines for California Special Districts required by the Office of the State Controller. 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 82, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance 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.

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Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements , during the year ended June 30, 2015, the CSA implemented GASB No. 68, 69, and 71. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

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

David L. Gruber and Associates, Inc.

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Huntington Beach, California
December 2, 2015

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2015

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business- Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 17,227	\$ 996,546	\$ 1,013,773
Accounts receivable	-	228,127	228,127
Taxes receivable	-	1,244	1,244
Interest receivable	22	3,376	3,398
Other receivable	-	2,955	2,955
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	600,767	600,767
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Total assets	17,249	1,833,015	1,850,264
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Deferred outflows of resources:			
Pension	-	20,617	20,617
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Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	-	1,980	1,980
Due to other governments	1,920	67,706	69,626
Net pension liability	-	116,198	116,198
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Total liabilities	1,920	185,884	187,804
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Deferred inflows of resources:			
Pension	-	68,460	68,460
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Net position:			
Invested in capital assets	-	600,767	600,767
Restricted for public works	15,329	-	15,329
Unrestricted	-	998,521	998,521
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Total net position	\$ 15,329	\$ 1,599,288	\$ 1,614,617
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See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2015

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public works and sewer:			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 3,219	\$ 182,503	\$ 185,722
Services and supplies	21,340	120,425	141,765
Professional fees	-	41,645	41,645
Rents and leases	-	7,900	7,900
Utilities	-	6,319	6,319
Depreciation	-	43,894	43,894
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Total expenses	24,559	402,686	427,245
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<u>Program revenues</u>			
Charges for services	-	471,372	471,372
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Net program revenues (expense)	(24,559)	68,686	44,127
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<u>General revenues</u>			
Property taxes	-	52,287	52,287
Special assessments	-	61,401	61,401
Intergovernmental -State assistance	-	538	538
Investment earnings	113	3,873	3,986
Penalties	-	18,503	18,503
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Total general revenues	113	136,602	136,715
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Transfers-internal activities	25,046	(25,046)	-
Change in net position	600	180,242	180,842
Net position at beginning of year	14,729	1,419,046	1,433,775
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Net position at end of year	\$ 15,329	\$ 1,599,288	\$ 1,614,617
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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
 COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 SEARLES VALLEY
 Governmental Funds
 Balance Sheet
 June 30, 2015

	Special Revenue <u>Fund</u> Park and <u>Street Lighting</u> <u>(SOZ)</u>
Assets	
Cash and investments (note 2)	\$ 17,227
Receivables:	
Interest	22
Total assets	\$ 17,249
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Liabilities:	
Due to other governments	1,920
Total liabilities	1,920
Fund balances (deficits):	
Restricted for park and streetlight maintenance	15,329
Total fund balances	15,329
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 17,249

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Governmental Funds
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

Fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 15,329
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
There were no reconciling activities for fiscal year June 30, 2015	<u>-</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 15,329</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
 COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 SEARLES VALLEY
 Governmental Fund types
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 Year ended June 30, 2015

	Special Revenue <u>Fund</u> Park and Street Lighting <u>(SOZ)</u>
Revenues:	
Investment Earnings	\$ 113
Total revenues	<u>113</u>
Expenditures:	
Current-public works:	
Salaries and Benefits	3,219
Services and Supplies	<u>21,340</u>
Total expenditures	<u>24,559</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(24,446)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):	
Transfers in	25,046
Transfers out	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>25,046</u>
Net change in fund balances	600
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>14,729</u>
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	<u>\$ 15,329</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Governmental Funds
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	600
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
There were no reconciling activities for fiscal year June 30, 2015		<u>-</u>
Changes in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>600</u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds

June 30, 2015

	Enterprise Funds		
	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Sewer and Street Lighting Trona</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Current Assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 272,580	\$ 723,966	\$ 996,546
Accounts receivable	228,127	-	228,127
Taxes receivable	1,244	-	1,244
Interest receivable	3,147	229	3,376
Special assessments receivable	2,955	-	2,955
Total Current Assets	508,053	724,195	1,232,248
Non Current Assets			
Capital Assets:			
Land	42,809	-	42,809
Improvements to land	2,072,413	-	2,072,413
Construction in progress	-	-	-
Accumulated depreciation	(1,514,455)	-	(1,514,455)
Total Non Current Assets	600,767	-	600,767
Total Assets	1,108,820	724,195	1,833,015
Deferred outflows of resources:			
Pension	20,617	-	20,617
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	1,980	-	1,980
Due to other governments	67,612	94	67,706
Total Current Liabilities	69,592	94	69,686
Long-term:			
Net pension liability	116,198	-	116,198
Total liabilities	185,790	94	185,884
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Pension	68,460	-	68,460
Net position:			
Invested in capital assets	600,767	-	600,767
Unrestricted	274,420	724,101	998,521
Total net position	\$ 875,187	\$ 724,101	\$ 1,599,288

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2015

	Enterprise Funds		Total
	Administrative	Sewer and Street Lighting Trona	
<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
Sanitation services	\$ 471,372	\$ -	\$ 471,372
			-
Total operating revenue	471,372	-	471,372
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Professional services	35,225	6,420	41,645
Salaries and benefits	182,503	-	182,503
Services and supplies	120,425	-	120,425
Rents and leases	7,900	-	7,900
Utilities	6,319	-	6,319
Depreciation	43,894	-	43,894
Total operating expenses	396,266	6,420	402,686
Operating income (loss)	75,106	(6,420)	68,686
<u>Non -Operating Revenue</u>			
Investment earnings	2,776	1,097	3,873
Property taxes	52,287	-	52,287
Special assessments	61,401	-	61,401
Other taxes	-	-	-
State assistance	538	-	538
Penalties	18,503	-	18,503
Total non operating revenue	135,505	1,097	136,602
Income before transfers	210,611	(5,323)	205,288
<u>Transfers</u>			
Transfers in	69	375,816	375,885
Transfers out	(400,862)	(69)	(400,931)
Total transfers	(400,793)	375,747	(25,046)
Change in net position	(190,182)	370,424	180,242
Net position at beginning of year	1,065,369	353,677	1,419,046
Net position at end of year	\$ 875,187	\$ 724,101	\$ 1,599,288

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICTS
COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 82 - SEARLES VALLEY
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds

Year ended June 30, 2015

	Enterprise Funds		
		Sewer and Street Lighting	
	Administrative	Trona	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Receipts from customers	\$ 471,372	\$ -	\$ 471,372
Payments to suppliers	(221,696)	(7,471)	(229,167)
Payments to employees	(196,322)	-	(196,322)
Net cash used for operating activities	53,354	(7,471)	45,883
Cash Flows from Noncapital			
Financing Activities:			
Property taxes	52,287	-	52,287
Special Assessments	61,401	-	61,401
State assistance	538	-	538
Penalties	18,503	-	18,503
Transfers to other funds	(400,862)	(69)	(400,931)
Transfer from other funds	69	375,816	375,885
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	(268,064)	375,747	107,683
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Investment earnings	2,776	1,097	3,873
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	2,776	1,097	3,873
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(211,934)	369,373	157,439
Cash and cash equivalents-Beginning of year	484,514	354,593	839,107
Cash and cash equivalents-End of Year	\$ 272,580	\$ 723,966	\$ 996,546
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating income (loss)	75,106	(6,420)	68,686
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used for operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	43,894	-	43,894
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(129,792)	-	(129,792)
(Increase) Decrease in special assessment receivab	6,954	-	6,954
(Increase) Decrease in taxes receivable	3,511	-	3,511
(Increase) Decrease in interest receivable	(1,099)	69	(1,030)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,543	-	1,543
(Increase) Decrease in due to other government	67,056	(1,120)	65,936
(Increase) Decrease in net pension liabiltiy	(13,819)	-	(13,819)
Net cash used for operating activities	\$ 53,354	\$ (7,471)	\$ 45,883

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 82 – Searles Valley
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of County Service Area (CSA) No. 82 – Searles Valley conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity

The County Service Area (CSA) No. 82 – Searles Valley was established by an act of the Board of Supervisor of the County of San Bernardino (the County) on June 28, 1976 under Section 4700 of the State Health & Safety Code. The CSA 82 – Zone SV-1 Searles Valley is an administrative entity for 3 improvements zones providing sewer, street lighting, and Park services to the community of Searles Valley. The district maintains the roadside park in Searles Valley which serves approximately 800 park users. The CSA 82 – Zone SV-3 Trona and Zone SV-4 Pioneer were combined by Resolution No. 2000-132 by the Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2000 to provide sewage collection and streetlight services to 780 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) in the communities of Trona and Pioneer Point.

The CSA 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 County Service Area No. 82 – Searles Valley of the County of San Bernardino and are not intended to present the financial position of the County taken as a whole.

Because the CSA meets the reporting entity criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the CSA’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, 2015.

Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (e.g., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary 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 from governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Currently, the CSA 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
County Service Area No. 82 – Searles Valley
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statements 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 with 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 funds:

The *special revenue fund* labeled “Park and Street Lighting” accounts for activities of the park and street lighting services to the community of Searles Valley.

The government reports the following major proprietary funds:

The enterprise fund labeled “Administrative” accounts for administration costs for the 3 improvement zones providing sewer, street lighting, and park services.

The enterprise fund labeled “Sewer and Street Lighting – Trona” accounts for activities of the sewer and street lighting services in the community of Trona.

Financial reporting is based upon all GASB pronouncements including the Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 82 – Searles Valley
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided 2) operating grants and contribution, 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. Operating expenses for enterprise funds includes the cost of sales and services, 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.

Cash 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 date of acquisition.

Interfund 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”.

No allowance for uncollectibles was recorded at June 30, 2012 based on management’s expectation that all accounts receivable will be collected through the property tax roll.

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 1 and become delinquent with penalties on August 31.

Accounts receivable

No allowance for uncollectibles was recorded at June 30, 2015, based on management’s expectation that all accounts receivable will be collected through the property tax roll.

**County of San Bernardino Special Districts
County Service Area No. 82 – Searles Valley
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2015**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 column 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 one year. 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 assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

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

Assets	Years
Infrastructure	40-60
Structure and improvements	5-40
Equipment and vehicles	4-15

Fund Equity

The CSA implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classification describes the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which the resources can be used:

- *Non-spendable Fund Balance:* Amounts cannot be spent because they are: (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Due to the nature or form of the resources, they generally cannot be expected to be converted into cash or spendable form.
- *Restricted Fund Balance:* Amounts are restricted by external parties, i.e., creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws/regulations of other governments or restricted by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

County of San Bernardino Special Districts
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Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- *Committed Fund Balance:* Amounts can only be used for a specific purpose pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision making authority (the board of Supervisors). The formal action must occur prior to the end of the reporting period, however, the amount may be determined in the subsequent period. These are self-imposed limitations on available resources. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same level of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. These committed amounts would be approved and adopted by formal action of the Board.
- *Assigned Fund Balance:* Amounts are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed. The intent will be expressed by the body or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority, i.e., the County Administrative Office. The County Administrative Office will assign fund balance for specific departmental projects though the use of the respective department's general fund savings. Such projects would not normally be feasible for the department without reserving funding over a multiple year period.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance:* The General Fund, as the principal operating fund, often has net resources in excess of what can properly be classified in one of the four categories already described. Therefore, in order to calculate unassigned fund balance, total fund balance less non-spendable, restricted, committed, or assigned equal unassigned fund balances. This amount is available for any purpose and will be placed in either the General Purpose Reserve, General Fund – Mandatory Contingencies or the General Fund – Uncertainties Contingencies until allocated for a specific purpose by the Board, by a four-fifths vote.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use when expenditure is incurred, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. It is the County's policy to consider committed amounts as being reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

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.

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.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 CSA 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 do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

New Accounting Pronouncements

The District adopted Statement on Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, GASB Statement No. 69 *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, and GASB Statement No. 71 *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

Deferred Outflows/ Inflows of Resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has only one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds of the balance sheet. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Long-Term Debt and Interest Payable

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the appropriate activities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are immediately expensed in the Government- Wide Financial Statements in addition to the Proprietary and Fiduciary Fund Statements in accordance with GASB No. 65. In the Fund Financial Statements, with the exception of advances from other funds, long-term liabilities are not presented. Consequently, long term debt is shown as a reconciling item in the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position.

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, interest payable on long-term debt is recognized as the liability is incurred for governmental activities and business-type activities. In the Fund Financial Statements, only propriety fund types recognize the interest payable when the liability is incurred.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government’s policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, net position are classified in the following categories: *Net Investment in Capital Assets* consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.

Restricted Net position are restricted by external creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted Net position is all net position that do not meet the definition of “invested in capital assets, net of related debt” or “restricted net position.”

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the CSA’s San Bernardino County Employee's Retirement Association (SBCERA) plan (Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Plans’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SBCERA. 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.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash, cash equivalents, and investments includes balances 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 CSA's account based upon the CSA's average daily deposit balance during the allocation period. Cash, cash equivalents, and investments are shown at the fair value as of June 30, 2015. Changes in fair value that occur during a fiscal year are recognized as *investment earnings* reported for that fiscal year. *Investment earnings* reports interest earnings, changes in fair value, and any gains or losses realized upon the liquidation, maturity, or sale of investments. The County's practice is to hold investments until maturity.

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: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2015, the accounts receivable was composed of the following:

Business-type activities:	<u>Administrative</u>
Accounts receivable	\$228,127
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u> -</u>
Total accounts receivable, net	<u>\$228,127</u>

NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

Governmental activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements to land	\$156,440	-	-	156,440
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	<u>156,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,440</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements to land	(156,440)	-	-	(156,440)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(156,440)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(156,440)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Business-type activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 42,809	-	-	\$ 42,809
Construction in progress	946	-	(946)	-
Total capital assets, not being depreciated:	43,755	-	(946)	42,809
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements to land	2,072,413	-	-	2,072,413
Total capital assets, being depreciated:	2,072,413	-	-	2,072,413
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements to land	(1,470,561)	(43,894)	-	(1,514,455)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,470,561)	(43,893)	-	(1,514,455)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	601,852	(43,894)	-	557,958
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 645,607	(43,894)	(946)	600,767

NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description. Employees of the CSA participate in the County of San Bernardino’s (County) cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit retirement plan (the Plan) administered by the San Bernardino County Employee's Retirement Association (SBCERA). The Plan is governed by the San Bernardino Board of Retirement (Board) under the California County Employees’ Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) and the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA). The Plan’s authority to establish and amend the benefit terms are set by the CERL and PEPRA, and may be amended by the California state legislature and in some cases require approval by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors and/or the SBCERA Board. SBCERA issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained by contacting the Board of Retirement, 348 W. Hospitality Lane, 3rd Floor, San Bernardino, California 92415-0014.

Benefits Provided. SBCERA provides retirement, disability, death and survivor benefits. SBCERA administers the Plan which provides benefits for two membership classifications, General and Safety, and those benefits are tiered based upon date of SBCERA membership. Safety membership is extended to those involved in active law enforcement and fire suppression. All other members, including the CSA’s employees, are classified as General members. Generally, those who become members prior to January 1, 2013 are Tier 1 members. All other members are Tier 2. An employee who is appointed to a regular position, whose service is greater than fifty percent of the full standard of hours required are members of SBCERA, and are provided with pension benefits pursuant to Plan requirements.

The CERL and PEPRA establish benefit terms. Retirement benefits for the General Tier 1 and General Tier 2 Plans are calculated on the basis of age, average final compensation and service credit as follows:

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NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

	General – Tier 1	General – Tier 2
Final Average Compensation	Highest 12 months	Highest 12 months
Normal Retirement Age	Age 55	Age 55
Early Retirement: Years of service required and/or eligible for	Age 70 any years	Age 70 any years
	10 years age 50	5 years age 52
	30 years any age	N/A
Benefit percent per year of service for normal retirement age	2% per year of final average compensation for every year of service credit	2.5% per year of final average compensation for every year of service credit
Benefit Adjustments	Reduced before age 55, increased after 55 up to age 65	Reduced before age 67
Final Average Compensation Limitation	Internal Revenue Code section 401(a)(17)	Government Code section 7522.10

Contributions. Participating employers and active members, including the CSA and the CSA’s employees, are required by statute to contribute a percentage of covered salary to the Plan. This requirement is pursuant to Government Code sections 31453.5 and 31454, for participating employers and Government Code sections 31621.6, 31639.25 and 7522.30 for active members. The contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the SBCERA Board pursuant to Article I of the CERL, which is consistent with the Plan’s actuarial funding policy. The contribution rates are adopted yearly, based on an annual actuarial valuation, conducted by an independent actuary, that requires actuarial assumptions with regard to mortality, expected future service (including age at entry into the Plan, if applicable and tier), and compensation increases of the members and beneficiaries. The combined active member and employer contribution rates are expected to finance the costs of benefits for employees that are allocated during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Participating employers may pay a portion of the active members’ contributions through negotiations and bargaining agreements.

Employee contribution rates for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 ranged between 7.07% and 13.52% for Tier 1 General members and between 6.37% and 7.88% for Tier 2 General members.

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

At June 30, 2015, the CSA’s reported a liability of \$116,198 for its proportionate share of the County’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportion of the County’s net pension liability was based on the District’s FY 2014 actual contributions to the County’s pension plan relative to the total contributions of the County as a whole.

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NOTE 5: RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

At June 30, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Deferred Outflows of Resources*	Deferred Inflows of Resources**
\$ 20,617	\$ (68,460)

* Total deferred outflows includes change in assumptions, and change in proportion and differences between share of contributions.

** Total deferred inflows includes differences in expected and actual expense, and net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments,.

The \$20,617 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from the District’s contributions to the County’s plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016.

See the County of San Bernardino’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for details of their pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, actuarial assumptions, and discount rates, for the current year and two preceding years computed in accordance with GASB 68, *Accounting and Reporting for Pension Plans*, for the year ended June 30, 2015.

NOTE 6: FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

From time to time, the CSA 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 CSA expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The County has 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 \$3.0 million per occurrence. Excess insurance coverage over the Self-Insured Retention (SIR) up to \$57 million is provided through a combination of insurance policies as recommended by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Broker of Record, as follows: Primary Liability coverage \$6 million excess of \$3.0 million self-insured retention with Lloyd’s (Brit Syndicated 2987 – 100%) and Gemini Insurance Co.; Excess Liability coverage for \$11 million, excess of \$6 million with National Casualty Co.; and Excess Liability coverage of \$15 million, excess of \$17 million with Allied World Assurance Co. In addition, Great American Assurance Co. provides excess liability coverage of \$25 million, excess of \$32 million. No settlements related to these programs have exceeded insurance coverage in the last three years.

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NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Workers' Compensation program was restructured to include a cash flow SIR that applies per accident/per payment year as follows: \$2.0 million 1st year; \$1.25 million 2nd year; \$600 thousand 3rd year and each year thereafter, with coverage provided by State National Insurance Co. for up to \$3 million for employer's liability, and up to \$150 million limits for workers' compensation per occurrence. Property damage claims are insured on an occurrence basis over a \$25 thousand deductible, and insured through CSAC-EIA (California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority) and reinsured with Lexington Insurance Co. and with several insurers like AWAC, Ironshore, Partner RE, and Lloyd's of London, among others.

The County supplements its self-insurance for medical malpractice claims with a \$25 million policy (\$35 million aggregate) with BETA Risk Management Authority, which provides annual coverage on a claim made form basis with a SIR of \$1 million for each claim.

All public officials and County employees are insured under a blanket Comprehensive Disappearance, Destruction, and Dishonesty policy covering County monies and securities, with Berkley Regional Insurance Co. with a \$100 thousand deductible, and excess limits up to \$10 million per occurrence.

The activities related to such programs are accounted for in the Risk Management Department's internal service funds ("Funds"), except for unemployment insurance, and employee dental insurance, which are accounted for in the General Fund. The liabilities recorded in these Funds are based on 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 0.324% and an actuarially-determined 80% confidence level. It is the County's practice to obtain actuarial studies on an annual basis.

See the County of San Bernardino's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for details of their claims liability in accordance with GASB Statement No. 10, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues, at June 30, 2015.

NOTE 8: TRANSFER 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, 2015, the CSA made the following interfund transfers in and out:

	<u>Transfer in:</u>
	Governmental
	Fund – Park
	and Street
	<u>Lighting (SOZ)</u>
<u>Transfer out:</u>	
Proprietary Fund-	
Administrative	<u>\$25,046</u>

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NOTE 9: CONTIGENCIES

As of June 30, 2015, in the opinion of the CSA Administration, there are no outstanding matters, which would have a significant effect on the financial position of the CSA.

NOTE 10: RESTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The following schedule summarizes the effects of the prior period adjustment to the Proprietary Fund Financial Statements and Government-wide Statements.

Government-wide:

	<u>Business-Type</u>
Net position at June 30, 2014, as previously reported	\$1,596,906
Adjustment to record GASB 68 pension liability	<u>(177,860)</u>
Net position as July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>\$1,419,046</u>

Proprietary Funds:

	<u>Administrative Enterprise Fund</u>
Net position at June 30, 2014, as previously reported	\$1,243,229
Adjustment to record GASB 68 pension liability	<u>(177,860)</u>
Net position as July 1, 2014, as restated	<u>\$1,065,369</u>

NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 2, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no transactions that will have significant impact on the CSA.

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General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Year ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Investment Earnings	\$ 101	\$ 101	\$ 113	\$ 12
Total revenues	101	101	113	12
Expenditures:				
Current - public works:				
Salaries and Benefits	4,159	4,159	3,219	940
Services and Supplies	25,156	25,156	21,340	3,816
Reserves and Contingencies	10,555	10,555	-	10,555
Total expenditures	39,870	39,870	24,559	15,311
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(39,769)	(39,769)	(24,446)	15,323
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in			25,046	25,046
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	25,046	25,046	25,046	25,046
Net change in fund balance	(14,723)	(14,723)	600	15,323
Fund balance, beginning	14,729	14,729	14,729	-
Fund balance, ending	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 15,329	\$ 15,323