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JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
Menlo Park, California

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Authority's, as of June 30, 2024 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.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Other Information

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

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

Grant & Smith, LLP

Oakland, California

March 26, 2026

SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

This Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (the "Authority") for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information presented here should be read in conjunction with the information furnished in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Authority's financial statements include the statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and statement of cash flows. Also included are the notes to the financial statements.

The statement of net position shows the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is classified into three categories: invested in capital assets (net of related debt), restricted, and unrestricted.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position shows the revenues and expenses that contributed to the change in net position during the year.

The statement of cash flows summarizes the cash inflows and outflows based on type of activity, including cash flows from operations, non-capital financing activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities. The Authority had no capital and related financing activity during the year ended June 30, 2024.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the information provided in the financial statements.

Financial Analysis

The most significant events affecting the comparability of the Authority's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, to the prior year are highlighted below.

Statement of Net Position

The net position of the Authority increased by \$444,233 from the prior year. The composition of net position as of June 30, 2023 and 2024 is shown in the following table:

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	<i>FY 22-23</i>	<i>FY 23-24</i>	<i>Change</i>
Cash	\$1,978,562	\$2,791,338	812,776
Prepaid Expenses	9,742	10,232	490
Inventory		653	653
Total assets	<u>1,988,304</u>	<u>2,802,223</u>	<u>813,969</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	129,895	135,056	5,161
Accounts Payable	13,135	40,960	(27,825)
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	117,690	119,996	(2,306)
Credit Card Payable	898	1,831	(933)
Unearned Grant Income	48,428	321,997	(273,569)
Net Pension Liability	459,031	531,044	(72,013)
Total liabilities	<u>639,182</u>	<u>1,028,696</u>	<u>(376,646)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,741	3,915	1,799
Net Position	<u>\$1,473,303</u>	<u>\$1,904,668</u>	<u>\$444,233</u>

Unearned Grant Income increased by \$273,569. Net pension Liability increased by \$72,013 due to pension investments not earning what was expected and change in assumptions.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net position

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Authority's net position increased by \$444,233 from the prior year. This change in net position is shown in the following table:

	<i>FY 22-23</i>	<i>FY 23-24</i>	<i>Change</i>
Total operating revenues	\$1,759,670	\$1,878,990	\$119,320
Total operating expenses	<u>1,119,101</u>	<u>1,308,943</u>	<u>(189,842)</u>
Operating profit (loss)	640,569	570,047	(70,522)
Net non-operating revenues(expenses)	<u>26,373</u>	<u>(125,814)</u>	<u>(152,187)</u>
Change in net position	666,942	444,233	(222,709)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>806,361</u>	<u>1,473,303</u>	<u>666,942</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1,473,303</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,536</u>	<u>\$444,233</u>

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Operating revenues are comprised of Member Entity contributions. Each member contributed \$375,798 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$351,934 in 2022-2023.

Operating expenses are comprised of the personnel cost of the Authority's four employees, project consultants, legal and accounting, insurance and office expenses. The Authority's operating expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024, increased by \$189,842 which is primarily due to the following:

- Approximate \$200,000 increase in Personnel Costs (mostly retirement benefits)

Summary of Known Facts, Decisions or Conditions

The following are currently known facts decisions or conditions that could have a significant impact on the financial position or changes in financial position of the Authority:

- The Authority's operational budget is primarily funded by annual member agency contributions per the Authority's approved operating budget. The Authority members are only bound in a voluntary Joint Powers Agreement, and each approves a contribution from its general budget as part of the annual budgeting process. Thus, while the Authority's project commitments extend for years, its operating funds and operating reserves do not extend beyond one fiscal year.

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Requests for Information

The annual financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances and operations. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
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SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$ 2,791,338
Inventory	653
Prepaid Expenses	10,232
Total Assets	2,802,223

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	\$ 135,056
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LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 40,960
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	119,996
Credit Card Payable	1,831
Unearned Grant Income	321,997
Total Current Liabilities	484,784

NONCURRENT LIABILITY

Net Pension Liability	531,044
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Inflows Related to Pension	3,915
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,915

NET POSITION-UNRESTRICTED

	\$ 1,917,536
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See accompanying notes.

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	ACTUAL
OPERATING REVENUES-MEMBER	
Entity Contributions:	
City of Palo Alto	\$ 375,798
City of East Palo Alto	375,798
City of Menlo Park	375,798
Santa Clara Valley Water District	375,798
San Mateo County Flood Control District	375,798
Total Operating Revenues	1,878,990
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Personnel:	
Salaries and Wages	565,089
Benefits	308,643
Payroll Taxes	59,225
Internship Program	11,330
Personnel Services	29,817
Legal	135,288
Grant Administrator	63,540
Office Expense	120,765
Contingency	15,246
Total Operating Expenses	1,308,943
Operating Profit(Loss)	570,047
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest	85,231
Miscellaneous Income	6,773
Member Reserve Contribution	234,874
Consultant Services/Project	(452,692)
Total Non-Operating Revenues(Expenses)	(125,814)
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	444,233
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,473,303
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,917,536

See accompanying notes.

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash Received from Member Entities	\$ 1,878,990
Cash Paid to Employees for Services	(865,598)
Cash Paid for all Expenses Other Than Employees	(801,063)
Cash Received from Miscellaneous Sources	6,773
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	219,102

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY

Interest Received	85,231
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CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITY

Cash Earned from Unearned Grant Income	273,569
Cash Received from Member Entities for Reserves	234,874
	508,443

Increase in Cash	812,776
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CASH & INVESTMENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,978,562
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CASH & INVESTMENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,791,338
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RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

TO OPERATING LOSS:

Cash Provided(Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 219,102
Cash Received for Reserves	234,874
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	490
Increase in Inventory	653
Increase in Deferred Outflow	5,161
Increase in Accounts Payable	182,290
Increase in Deferred Inflow	1,796
Decrease in Accrued Salaries and Benefits	(74,319)
Operating Profit(Loss)	\$ 570,047

See Accompanying Notes.

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) was created in May 1999 as a joint powers authority by the City of Menlo Park, the City of Palo Alto, the City of East Palo Alto, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the San Mateo Flood Control District (the “Member Entities”). The Authority was formed to manage the joint contribution of services and to provide policy direction on issues of mutual concern related to the San Francisquito Creek, including bank stabilization, channel clearing and other creek maintenance, planning of flood control measures, preserving and enhancing environmental values and instream uses, and emergency response coordination.

The Authority is governed by a five-member board, comprised of one director appointed by each Member Entity. The Authority is legally separate and fiscally independent from each of the Member Entities, which means it can incur debt, set and modify its own budgets and fees, enter into contracts, and sue or be sued in its own name. The accompanying financial statements reflect the financial activity of the Authority.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the related liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

The accounts of the Authority are organized on the basis of an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds account for activities: (i) that are financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity; (ii) that are required by laws or regulations that the activity’s cost of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service) be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues; or (iii) that the pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with an enterprise fund’s principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority are contributions from the Member Entities to cover operating costs of the Authority. Operating expenses include administrative salaries and consultant services. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. Revenue and costs related to the Corps Project (see Note 5) are classified as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The Authority follows Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

Budget

The Board of Directors each year adopts an operating budget consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. This budget is not effective until approved by the governing body of each Member Entity. There were no significant revisions to the budget during the year.

Member Entity Contributions

Under terms of the joint power agreement, the Authority's Board annually estimates the operating costs of the Authority for the coming fiscal year and proposes a formula for allocating the costs to the Member Entities. The Member Entities then make contributions representing their share of the needed operating costs to the Authority. Each Member Entity contributed \$375,798 during the year ended June 30, 2024, to cover Authority operating costs for the year.

Accumulated Vacation and Sick Leave

By Authority policy, employees earn 96 hours per year of personal leave as well as 112 to 160 hours of vacation, depending on years of service. Up to 180 hours of personal leave and up to 280 hours of vacation can be carried over from year to year until used. The Authority has accrued \$119,996 for this liability at June 30, 2024. Sick leave benefits do not vest and have not been accrued; they are recorded as expense in the period the sick leave is taken. More than 40 hours and up to 120 hours of any combination of accrued vacation leave and accrued administrative leave may be converted to cash, payable to an employee once during each fiscal year at a time requested by the employee.

Grants Received

Grants are reported as non-operating revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Estimates

Management has made estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual values could differ from these estimates.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Authority has \$135,056 of deferred outflows related to its pension plan, including differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions and differences between expected and actual investment earnings on plan investments.

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 Authority has \$3,915 of deferred inflows related to its pension plan, including differences between expected and actual experience, and changes in assumptions.

Net Position

The difference between assets, liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows of resources is reported as net position. Net position is classified as either net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted.

Net position classified as net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding principal of related debt. Restricted net position is the net position that has external constraints placed on them by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments, or through constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation. Unrestricted net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of net investment in capital assets or restricted net position.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The cash and investments balance as of June 30, 2024 consisted of:

LAIF	\$	2,187,264
U.S Bank		603,996
Chase		78
Total	\$	2,791,338

During the year ended June 30, 2024, \$604,074 of the Authority’s cash was maintained in bank accounts. California law requires banks and savings and loan institutions to pledge government securities with a market value of 110% of the deposit or first trust deed mortgage notes with a value of 150% of the deposit as collateral for all municipal deposits. This collateral remains with the institution but is held in the Authority’s name and places the Authority ahead of general creditors of the institution.

Investments authorized by the California Government Code for Authority Purchase include:

- Securities of the United States Government
 - Securities of United States Government Agencies
 - Bankers Acceptances
 - Commercial Paper
 - Certificates of Deposit
 - Supranational Obligations
 - County Pooled Investment Funds
- California Local Agency Investment Fund
 - Securities of California Local Agencies
 - Repurchase Agreements
 - Medium Term Corporate Notes
 - Mutual Funds
 - Bank Deposits
 - Securities of California and Other States

\$2,187,264 was maintained in the State Treasurer's investment pool (Local Agency Investment Fund). Oversight of LAIF is provided by the Pooled Money Investment Board consisting of the Treasurer, Controller and Director of Finance for the State of California. The Authority's position in the pool is equal to the value of the pool shares. The income from the pooled investments is allocated between the participants based on the daily cash balance maintained.

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NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

The Authority provides retirement benefits to its four employees through the Miscellaneous Plan a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public Employees Retirement System (“CalPERS”). The Plan acts as a common investment and administrative agent for its participating member employers. Benefit provisions under the Plans are established by State statute and Authority resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plans regarding benefit provisions, assumptions and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Benefits Provided

CalPERS provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments and death benefits to plan members, who must be public employees and beneficiaries. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full-time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: The Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The cost-of-living adjustments for each plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees’ Retirement Law.

The Plans’ provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2024, are summarized as follows:

	Miscellaneous	
	Prior to January 1, 2013	On or after January 1, 2013
Hire date		
Benefit formula	2.0% @ 55	2.0% @ 65
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years service	5 years service
Benefit payments	monthly for life	monthly for life
Retirement age	50 – 55	52 - 67
Monthly benefits, as a % of eligible compensation	2.0% to 2.7%	1.0% to 2.5%
Required employee contribution rates	8%	6.75%
Required employer contribution rates	13.751%	6.55%

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NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contribution Description

Section 20814 (c) of the California Public Employees’ Retirement Law requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined annually on an actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is on the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The employer is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

For the year ended June 30, 2024 the contributions recognized as pension expense was as follows:

Contributions – Employer	\$ 94,085
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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources Related to Pension

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 Plan and additions to/deduction from the Plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the CalPERS Financial Office. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

As of June 30, 2024 the Authority reported a net pension liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan as follows:

	Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Miscellaneous	\$ 176,211

The Authority’s net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan is measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 rolled forward to June 30, 2023 using standard update procedures. The Authority’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority’s long-term share of the contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for the plan as of June 30, 2022 and 2023 was as follows:

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NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources Related to Pension (Continued)

	<u>Percentage</u>
Proportion – June 30, 2022	.00908%
Proportion – June 30, 2023	.00988%
Change – Increase (Decrease)	.0008%

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$94,085. At June 30, 2024, the Authority reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Pension Contributions Subsequent To the Measurement Date	\$ 94,085	
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	25,238	\$ (3,915)
Changes of Assumptions	29,827	
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	<u>79,991</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 229,141</u>	<u>\$ (3,915)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost method
Actuarial Assumptions	
Discount Rate	6.9%
Inflation	2.3%
Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age & Service
Payroll Growth	2.8%
Investment Rate of Return	6.9% (a)
Mortality Rate Table	Derived using CalPERS Membership Data for all funds (b)
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.30% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies 2.30% thereafter

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NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

- (a) Net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.
- (b) The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions. Mortality rates incorporate full generational mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2021 experience study report from November 2021 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9 percent. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate, CalPERS stress tested plans that would most likely result in a discount rate that would be different from the actuarially assumed discount rate. Based on the testing, none of the tested plans run out of assets. Therefore, the current 6.9 percent discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 6.9 percent is applied to all plans in the Public Employees Retirement Fund. The stress test results are presented in a detailed report called “GASB Crossover Testing Report” that can be obtained at CalPERS’ website.

According to Paragraph 30 of Statement 68, the long-term discount rate should be determined without reduction for pension plan administrative expense. The 6.9 percent investment return assumption used in this accounting valuation is net of administrative expenses.

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

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all the funds’ asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11-60 years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above and rounded down to the nearest one quarter of one percent.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

The table below reflects long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. These geometric rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Assumed Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Real Return(a)(b)</u>
Global Equity Cap-Weighted	30.0%	4.54%
Global Equity NonCap-Weighted	12.0%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.0%	7.28%
Treasury	5.0%	0.27%
Mortgage-backed Securities	5.0%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.0%	1.56%
High Yield	5.0%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.0%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.0%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.0%	3.21%
Leverage	(5.00%)	(0.59%)
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

(a) An expected inflation of 2.3% used for this period.

(b) Figures are based on the 2021-22 Asset Liability Study.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS Financial reports.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of Pension Liability to Changes in Discount Rate

The following presents the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan, calculated using the discount rate for the CalPERS Plan, as well as what the Authority’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>Discount Rate -1%</u> <u>(5.90%)</u>	<u>Current Discount</u> <u>Rate (6.90%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate +1%</u> <u>(7.9%)</u>
Plan’s Net Pension Liability	\$ 856,991	\$ 531,044	\$ 262,763

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Employees Covered

The following employees were covered by the benefit terms for the CalPERS Plan

Active	4
Transferred	
Separated	
Retired	
Total	4

The amounts above are net of outflows and inflows recognized in the 2022-23 measurement period expense.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, other than the employer-specific item, will be recognized in future pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Deferred Outflow/(Inflow) of Resources
2024	\$ 41,059
2025	27,388
2026	60,398
2027	2,295
2028	0
Thereafter	0

NOTE 5 – PROJECTS

The SFCJPA has three projects, as described in their Comprehensive Plan and summarized below:

1. *Downstream Reach 1 (Estuary Reach) Project, from Highway 101 to San Francisco Bay:* This project, formally known as the San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration, and Recreation Project – San Francisco Bay to Highway 101 (Palo Alto and East Palo Alto), was completed in June 2019. The project was funded using local funds in accordance with the Second Amended and Restated Funding Agreement between SFCJPA members dated May 24, 2016, and two grants from the California Department of Water Resources (Proposition 1E Agreement #4600009670 for \$8,700,000 between the SFCJPA and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and a 2015 Proposition 84

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 5 – PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) DWR grant #4600011486, with the Association of Bay Area Governments as the grantee, and the SFCJPA a subrecipient). The SFCJPA's Grant #4600009670 was audited by the California Department of Finance in 2018.

This project has a design goal of 100-year creek flood protection. The SFCJPA Board delegated the operations and maintenance of this project to Santa Clara Valley Water District and the City of East Palo Alto in 2014, and the agreement between those two entities was executed on October 27, 2021.

The SFCJPA is the lead for mitigation monitoring and reporting for the restoration components through Year 10. The Project's mitigation requirements were initiated in 2017 and, as such, Year 1 Mitigation Monitoring Report was submitted in December 2018, with this audit covering Year 7 of mitigation monitoring and reporting. Contracts for this work are reported as non-operating consultant services by the SFCJPA.

As the permit holder for the Reach 1 Project, the SFCJPA continued work on drafting the first Five Year Operation and Maintenance Report during this audit period and commissioned needed evaluations to complete the report.

2. *Urban Reach 2 Project, along the creek from West Bayshore Road to El Camino Real:* This project has been part of planning and design since the SFCJPA began, with focused efforts on the Reach 2 area since the 2012 agreement to fund an environmental Impact Report, also with a goal of 100-year flood protection. The 100-year flood protection project was not accepted by the public in 2013, so a less impactful but less protective project was planned. In September 2019, the SFCJPA Board certified the Environmental Impact Report for a project to protect the area from bank overtopping from a storm event equal to the flood of record in February 1998, or an approximate 70-year flood event. Project designs were advanced to 60%, and bridge design to 90%. Draft permit applications were submitted to the regulatory agencies in July 2022. Applications to Cities were submitted in August 2022.

The flooding event of December 31, 2022, was the second highest measured creek flow. The overtopping occurred at locations that were not predicted by the HEC-RAS model that was the basis of the 60% to 90% designs. Valley Water evaluated the model and presented findings at the June 8, 2023 SFCJPA Board Meeting, with the key finding that the model underestimated flows by as much as two feet such that the creek has about 25% less capacity than previously thought and concluded that the previous designs were inadequate.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 5 – PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

The SFCJPA commissioned an independent review of the hydraulic model that was completed February 2024. This review confirmed Valley Water’s assessment of reduced creek capacity, necessitating revised designs.

The SFCJPA initiated monthly meetings with members, to discuss “Plan B,” and in the January 2024 meeting, it was decided to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the updated Reach 2 design work, which the SFCJPA drafted with member review and input. The RFP was issued February 29, 2004. Five bids were received, with the highest ranked proposal was selected for award based on a review panel of SFCJPA members. A contract was executed with WRA Environmental Consultants on April 26, 2024.

The Army Corps of Engineers work was restarted during this audit period, but all work was focused on recertification of the updated hydrology and existing conditions HEC-RAS model that continued through this audit period (The updated hydrology was certified in August 2024).

As noted in previous audits, agreements with the Army Corps of Engineers require a cost share, and the Authority has reported all Corps Project costs as non-operating consultant services, and the Corps share of such costs as Federal contribution.

3. *SAFER Bay Project- tidal flood risk reduction and sea level rise resiliency-* A feasibility study for Menlo Park and East Palo Alto was completed in 2016 using grant funding from DWR (Agreement No. 4600009955). This study t was completed in January 2017. The SFCJPA received a second grant from DWR (Grant Agreement #4600009954) for design and permitting for some project components in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park in 2013, with work beginning in 2017 and grant reporting continuing throughout this grant period, but no invoicing. The grant schedule was extended via Amendment #1 that was executed February 2018. Amendment #2 was a no-cost amendment to update scope and schedule, and this amendment was executed March 9, 2021. The SFCJPA used this grant to issue a Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report in April 2022.

The City of Palo Alto funded the completed feasibility study for the Palo Alto shoreline in 2019 and in 2020 the City moved forward with Valley Water’s South Bay Shoreline Project.

The City of East Palo Alto, with support from SFCJPA, applied for grant funding to advance the project in East Palo Alto via a California Office of Emergency Response Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in 2019, with execution of the grant agreement September 1, 2022.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 5 – PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

The SFCJPA applied for a grant for planning and preliminary design of the SAFER Bay Project in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) in 2021 and was selected for award in early 2022, with execution of the grant agreement on September 15, 2022 (SFB0041-RA035). On March 3, 2023, the Governing Board of the SFBRA approved a supplemental award of up to \$3,980,000, and the grant agreement was amended on August 31, 2023, for a total of \$4,980,000. Work under this agreement includes the technical studies needed for CEQA with a programmatic and project level Environmental Impact Report for all reaches of the SAFER Bay Project in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, San Mateo County.

NOTE 6 – UNEARNED GRANT INCOME

Unearned Grant Income – funds from funders received in this fiscal year and the previous fiscal year but have not been spent as of June 30, 2024.

The amount of unearned grant income for year ended June 30, 2024 is \$321,997 - funders included:

The California Department of Water Resources advanced costs to be used for the design, California Environmental Quality Act documentation and construction of the S.F. Bay to Highway 101 Flood Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, San Francisco Bay Area Restoration Author and Recreation Project on San Francisquito Creek.

NOTE 7 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has reviewed its financial statements and evaluated subsequent events through March 26, 2026 the date the financial statements were issued. Management is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the accompany financial statements other than what is disclosed.

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF AUTHORITY'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
LAST 10 YEARS***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.00106020%	0.00981%	0.00898%	0.00815%	0.00815%	0.00815%	0.00739%	0.00619%	0.00600%	0.00264%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 531,044	\$ 459,032	\$ 170,512	\$ 326,367	\$ 326,367	\$ 326,367	\$ 299,990	\$ 244,013	\$ 159,686	\$ 164,311
Covered- employee payroll	603,468	\$ 481,434	\$ 495,259	\$ 505,076	\$ 505,195	\$ 603,468	\$ 487,624	\$ 451,433	\$ 285,466	\$ 260,616
Proportionate share of fiduciary net position	\$ 1,898,785	\$1,645,203	\$1,622,308	\$ 1,139,345	\$1,139,345	\$ 1,139,345	\$ 1,044,546	\$ 747,412	\$ 655,409	\$ 280,882
Proportionate Share of the net pension liability as percentage of covered-employee payroll	88.00%	95.35%	34.43%	64.62%	64.60%	54.08%	61.52%	54.05%	55.94%	63.05%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.97%	78.19%	90.49%	77.73%	77.73%	77.73%	77.69%	75.39%	75.70%	71.17%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit changes: There were no changes to benefit terms that applied to all members of the Public Agency Pool. However, individual employers in the Plan may have provided a benefit improvement to their employees such as Golden Handshakes, service purchases, and other prior service costs

Changes in assumptions:

There were no assumption changes. Effective with the June 30, 2021 valuation date (June 30, 2022 measurement date), the accounting discount rate was reduced from 7.15% to 6.90%. In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. In addition, demographic assumptions and the price inflation assumption were changed in accordance with the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions. The accounting discount rate was 7.15% for measurement dates June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2021, 7.65% for measurement dates June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and 7.50% for measurement dates June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and 7.50% for measurement date June 30, 2014

GASB 68 Required Schedule

**SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
LAST 10 YEARS***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	\$ 59,225	\$ 46,213	\$ 53,085	\$ 35,252	\$ 49,048	\$ 42,282	\$ 38,046	\$ 36,177	\$ 38,335	\$ 37,657
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>(59,225)</u>	<u>(46,213)</u>	<u>(53,085)</u>	<u>(35,252)</u>	<u>(49,048)</u>	<u>(42,282)</u>	<u>(38,046)</u>	<u>(36,177)</u>	<u>(38,335)</u>	<u>(37,657)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered-employee payroll	603,468	592,503	481,434	495,259	505,076	603,468	\$487,624	\$451,433	\$285,466	\$260,616
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.81%	7.80%	11.03%	7.12%	9.71%	7.01%	7.80%	8.01%	13.43%	14.45%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation date:	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/30/2019	6/30/2019	6/30/2018	6/30/2017	6/30/2016	6/30/2015	6/30/2013
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GASB 68 required schedule