

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Financial Statements, Management Discussion and Analysis,
and Independent Auditor's Report

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 Audited Financial Statements
 June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Grass Valley, California

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the schedule of pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a basic part of the 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 operation, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 25, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



SingletonAuman, PC

Susanville, California
November 25, 2024

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

Our discussion and analysis of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's (District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. It should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements (including notes and supplementary information), which follow this section.

The District's discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the District's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the District's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

Overview of District's Financial Activity

The District's mission is to preserve air quality and protect the public health and welfare in Nevada, Plumas and Sierra Counties. The District does this through programs implemented with the assistance of federal, state and local contributions. A major portion of the District's yearly annual revenue is through state subvention.

Pursuant to the joint powers agreement and amendments signed by the chairperson of each member county Board of Supervisors, the District receives funding from each of the Counties it serves. Each year, the District's Board of Directors adopts one method of calculating the current year's contribution. Methods are based on historical contributions, county populations, need, and inflation. Additional revenue comes from the following sources:

- State Subvention Funds
- AB 2766 DMV Surcharge Fees
- AB 923 DMV Surcharge Fees
- Stationary Source Fees
- Hearing Board Fees
- Open Burning Fees
- Woodstove Inspection Fees
- Fines Levied for Rule Infractions
- Interest on Reserves
- Subscriptions & Copies
- Contract with EPA to Monitor PM2.5
- Carl Moyer Program (grant pass-through only)
- EPA's 2015 Targeted Airshed Grant for the Plumas PM2.5 Nonattainment Area
- EPA's 2018 Target Airshed Grant for the Plumas PM2.5 Nonattainment Area
- Farmer Grant Funding

Assembly Bill 2766 (1991) Vehicle Registration Fee funds make up a significant portion of District revenue, however, these funds may be used solely to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles and for related planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies necessary for the implementation of the California Clean Air Act of 1988. The District collects \$4 per vehicle registration in Nevada County and Plumas County and \$2 registration in Sierra County.

The District receives revenues from the State which are restricted - funds which can only be used for exclusive purposes allocated by the Board and state requirements. Examples of continuing restricted funds are the pass-through grant programs of Board-approved AB2766 projects and Carl Moyer Heavy-Duty Diesel program. The District administers the expenditure of these monies (restricted expenditures) for worthy air pollution projects within the District's jurisdiction. All monies restricted for external grants only are placed in an account (Restricted Budget) separate from the District's Internal Operating Budget.

The External AB2766 grant cycle lags behind the fiscal year by 3 months, running from October 1st to September 30th. AB 2766 funding is encumbered in June (for previously approved grants) for use after June 30th. Typically, about half of originally allocated funds are used in these final months. During the first 3 months of the AB 2766 grant cycle, the opposite is true. As grantees gear up and since grant payments are reimbursement-based there is a lag of several months before payments are made to grantees. This irregular, unpredictable cash flow produces confusion to those trying to evaluate the District's reserves and can lead to overly optimistic estimations of the financial health of the District's reserves. In order to make this process easier to understand, the District places the granted portion of AB2766 funds in a separate account (Restricted Account) from the Operating Account. The AB 2766 projects must go through a competitive process and be approved by the District's Board of Directors. During FY 23/24, the District disbursed \$109,666.

EPA's Target Grant (for the Plumas PM2.5 Nonattainment area)

The District received a \$2.48, \$2.9, and \$2.65 million grant from the Targeted Air Shed Grants for 2015, 2018, and 2020, respectively for a wood stove change-out program. The grants are intended to improve air quality in areas of the U. S. with the highest levels of pollution. During fiscal year 23/24 the District expended \$1,222,810 on these grants.

Farmer

Funding for the FARMER grant program is provided by the California Air Resources Board. The program is administered by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District. The Placer County APCD chooses which projects get money and how much money those projects get. Those decisions are based on the air quality merits of the individual projects, specifically, how much pollution is reduced for the least amount of money, aka "cost effectiveness", and whether those projects benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities. Placer County APCD distributes the grant awards to the local Air Districts that are under contract with the Placer County APCD.

The contracts for the grant awards are administered by the local Air Districts. The role of the local Air District is to help the applicants fill out their grant applications. That includes help with wording, with choosing high value projects, with technical data and documentation and help with navigating the grant application process. Once a project has been awarded grant

money, the local Air District is responsible for putting that grantee under contract with the District. The local District ensures that the grantee complies with all the conditions in the contract and adheres to all the pre-, post- and dismantling inspection schedules. The Air District holds the grant money in its account until such time that the grantee is ready to purchase their new equipment. Once all the inspections have been performed, the Air District will provide the grantee with their grant award. The Air District also fills out all the reports required by the FARMER program and ensures that the grantees continue to adhere to the terms of their grant contract over the 5-year life of the project. The District disbursed \$674,918 during fiscal year 23/24.

Financial Highlights – Operating Budget

The operating fund reported an excess of expenditures over revenues this year of \$35,821. During the year, the District's non-grant expenses were \$1,244,662, while revenue for the unrestricted fund was \$1,208,841.

Operating Budget - Revenue

Revenues were \$1,208,841 which was more than expected revenue by \$254,922. This was largely due to more than expected intergovernmental revenue.

Operating Budget - Expenditures

During FY 23/24, approximately 70% of expenditures (\$869,886) were utilized for Salaries and Benefits.

Financial Highlights - Restricted Budget

The restricted fund reported an excess revenues over expenses this year of \$128,459. During the year, the District's restricted revenue was \$2,262,221 while expenditures for the restricted fund were \$2,133,762.

Restricted Revenue

Total revenue for FY 23/24 was \$2,262,221. This revenue is from five government grant programs; AB2766, EPA Target Grant, Woodstove change-out, Carl Moyer Off-Road Diesel Program and the Farmer's Shared Pool Program.

Restricted Expenditures

Total amount disbursed in FY 23/24 was \$2,133,762. Major disbursements were as follows:

- \$109,666 for the AB2766 program,
- \$25,381 for the Woodsmoke Reduction Program,
- \$1,222,810 for the EPA Target Grant and
- \$674,918 for the Farmer's Pooled Share program.
- \$95,987 for the Carl Moyer Off-Road Diesel Program

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total net position was \$702,112 at June 30, 2024. This was an increase of \$394,360 from the prior year, including a prior period adjustment of \$145,655.

- Overall revenues were \$3,471,062 which is more than expenses of \$3,222,357 by \$248,705.
- The General Fund reported a fund balance this year of \$1,370,236.
- The Restricted Fund reported a fund balance this year of \$703,073.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts – management’s discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the District. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives:

- **Government-wide financial statements**, which comprise the first two statements, provide both short-term and long-term information about the entity’s overall financial position.
- **Fund financial statements** focus on reporting the individual parts of the District operations in more detail. The fund financial statements comprise the remaining statements.
 - **Governmental funds** statements tell how general government services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - **Fiduciary fund** statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements. A comparison of the district’s budget for the year is included.

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District, as a whole, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government’s assets and liabilities. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District’s net position and how it has changed. Net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is one way to measure the District’s financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District’s net position is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- To assess the overall health of the District, one needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the tax base, and changes in program funding by the Federal and State governments, and the condition of the District's facilities.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include governmental activities. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as air monitoring.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds-not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular programs. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. The Board of Directors establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that the District is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain revenues. The District has one kind of fund:

- Governmental funds - Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the government funds statements that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The District's combined net position was \$702,112 at June 30, 2024. See Table 1. Cash increased largely due to the increase in unearned revenue, offset somewhat by an increase in accounts receivable. Long term debt decreased due to the most recent actuarial valuation of the OPEB liability.

**Table 1:
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage
	2024	2023	Change 2024-2023
Assets			
Cash	\$ 3,845,597	\$ 3,190,342	20.54%
Accounts Receivable	866,654	471,155	83.94%
Prepaid Expenses	12,469	37,624	-66.86%
Security Deposit	1,214	1,214	0.00%
Capital Assets, Net Accumulated Depreciation	186,500	168,212	10.87%
Total Assets	\$ 4,912,434	\$ 3,868,547	
Deferred Outflows			
Pension Plan Contributions	\$ 560,697	\$ 585,860	-4.30%
OPEB Contributions	-	-	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 560,697	\$ 585,860	
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable and Other Current	\$ 494,186	\$ 496,533	-0.47%
Unearned Revenue	2,157,191	1,217,776	77.14%
Other Current Liabilities	1,248	5,355	-76.69%
Long-Term Debt	2,059,338	2,323,981	-11.39%
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,711,963	\$ 4,043,645	
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Deferred Recognition of Pension Plan Earnings	\$ 59,056	\$ 103,010	-42.67%
Deferred Recognition of OPEB Earnings	-	-	
	\$ 59,056	\$ 103,010	
Net Position			
Net Investment In Capital Assets	\$ 186,500	\$ 168,212	10.87%
Restricted	928,000	633,781	46.42%
Unrestricted	(412,388)	(494,241)	-16.56%
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 702,112	\$ 307,752	

Changes in Net Position

The District's total revenues were \$3,471,062. A majority of the revenue comes from Federal and State aid for specific programs (95%) of total revenues.

The total cost of all programs and services was \$3,222,357. This reflects an increase of \$174,443 in expenditures from the prior year.

**Table 2:
Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage
	2024	2023	Change 2024-2023
Revenues			
Permits & Fees	\$ 106,636	\$ 158,298	-32.64%
Government Funding	2,641,895	2,025,013	30.46%
Grant Income	674,918	903,537	100.00%
Interest/Other Income	47,613	40,328	18.06%
TOTAL REVENUES	3,471,062	3,127,176	
Expenses:			
Air Quality Management	3,222,357	3,047,914	5.72%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,222,357	3,047,914	
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	\$ 248,705	\$ 79,252	

Governmental Activities

Table 3 presents the cost of each of the District's functions as well as each function's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost reflects what was funded by charges for services, operating grants and capital grants and contributions.

The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$3,222,357

**Table 3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Air Quality Management	\$ 3,222,357	\$ 3,047,914	\$ 201,092	\$ 38,659
TOTAL	\$ 3,222,357	\$ 3,047,914	\$ 201,092	\$ 38,659

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The overall financial performance of the District, as a whole, is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,073,309 which is above last year's ending fund balance of \$1,980,671.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Before each year the District budgets for that year operation. The Districts' budget was not revised during the year. A schedule of the District's original and final budget amounts compared with actual revenues and expenses is provided in the supplemental section of the audited financial report.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2024, the District had invested \$186,500 in a broad range of capital assets, including furniture, equipment and vehicles. During the year, the District invested in a vehicle and air monitoring equipment. See Table 4.

Table 4
Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Total Percentage
	2024	2023	Change 2024-2023
Furniture	\$ 54,978	\$ 73,455	-25.15%
Equipment	273,210	380,390	-28.18%
Vehicles	142,762	116,998	22.02%
Totals at Historical Cost	470,950	570,843	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(284,450)	(402,631)	-29.35%
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 186,500	\$ 168,212	

Long-Term Debt

At year end, the District had \$2,059,338 in debt, consisting of compensated absences, other post-employment benefits and net pension liability as shown in Table 5. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Table 5
Long-Term Debt

	Governmental Activities		Change
	2024	2023	2024-2023
Compensated Absences	\$ 41,448	\$ 57,097	-27.41%
Net OPEB Liability	590,975	928,149	-36.33%
Net Pension Liability	1,426,915	1,338,735	6.59%
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 2,059,338	\$ 2,323,981	-11.39%

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of several circumstances that could affect its future financial health:

- The uncertainty of state funding can have a profound impact on the financial health of the District. Although no changes are currently anticipated, the state government could implement mid-year budget cuts and further cash deferrals.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, participants, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact:

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**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 425,401
Cash in County Treasury	3,420,196
Accounts Receivable	866,654
Prepaid Expenses	12,469
Security Deposit	1,214
Capital Assets:	
Furniture, Equipment, and Vehicles, Net	186,500
Total Assets	\$ 4,912,434
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Recognition of Contributions to Pension Plan	\$ 560,697
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 560,697
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 494,186
Unearned Revenue	2,157,191
Other Current Liability	1,248
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated Absences	41,448
Net OPEB Liability	590,975
Net Pension Liability	1,426,915
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,711,963
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred Recognition of Pension Plan Earnings	\$ 59,056
Total Deferred Inflows	\$ 59,056
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 186,500
Committed	928,000
Restricted	703,073
Unrestricted	(1,115,461)
Total Net Position	\$ 702,112

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Governmental Activities	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
Air Quality Management	\$ 3,222,357	\$ 106,636	\$ 3,316,813	\$ 201,092
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 3,222,357</u>	<u>\$ 106,636</u>	<u>\$ 3,316,813</u>	<u>201,092</u>
General Revenues:				
Interest				47,598
Other Income				15
Total General Revenue				<u>47,613</u>
Change in net position				248,705
Net position, beginning				307,752
Adjustment to Beginning Net position (See Note 13)				145,655
Net position, beginning - Restated				<u>453,407</u>
Net position, ending				<u>\$ 702,112</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 425,401		\$ 425,401
Cash in County Treasury	899,835	\$ 2,520,361	3,420,196
Accounts Receivable	95,813	770,841	866,654
Prepaid Expenses	12,469		12,469
Security Deposit	1,214		1,214
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,434,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,291,202</u>	<u>\$ 4,725,934</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,459	\$ 489,727	\$ 494,186
Other Current Liabilities	1,248		1,248
Unearned Revenue	58,789	2,098,402	2,157,191
Total Liabilities	<u>64,496</u>	<u>2,588,129</u>	<u>2,652,625</u>
Fund Balance:			
Restricted		703,073	703,073
Committed	928,000		928,000
Unassigned	442,236		442,236
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,370,236</u>	<u>703,073</u>	<u>2,073,309</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,434,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,291,202</u>	<u>\$ 4,725,934</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO
THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,073,309
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds	186,500
Payables for compensated absences which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds	(41,448)
Deferred Outflows of resources in governmental activities are reported as expenditures in the funds	560,697
Deferred Inflows of resources in governmental activities are not reported in the funds	(59,056)
Payables for Pension Benefits which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds	(1,426,915)
Payables for Other Post-Employment Benefits which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	<u>(590,975)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 702,112</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
Revenue:			
Permits & Fees	\$ 106,636	\$ -	\$ 106,636
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,054,592	1,587,303	2,641,895
Grant Income		674,918	674,918
Other Income	15		15
Interest Income	47,598		47,598
Total Revenue	1,208,841	2,262,221	3,471,062
Expenditures:			
Air Quality Management			
Salaries	589,932	-	589,932
Benefits	279,754		279,754
Air Monitoring	35,385		35,385
AB 2776 Grants		109,666	109,666
Woodsmoke Reduction Program		25,381	25,381
Carl Moyer Off-Road Diesel Program		95,987	95,987
EPA Target Grant - Wood Stoves		1,222,810	1,222,810
Farmer's Pooled Share Program		674,918	674,918
Professional Fees	80,056		80,056
Communications	15,643		15,643
Travel	17,153		17,153
Office	59,613		59,613
Rent and Utilities	66,366		66,366
Repairs and Maintenance	10,220		10,220
Dues and Subscriptions	5,849		5,849
Insurance	18,100		18,100
Pass-thru funds	132		132
Miscellaneous	-	5,000	5,000
Capital Outlay	66,459		66,459
Total Expenditures	1,244,662	2,133,762	3,378,424
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(35,821)	128,459	92,638
Fund Balance, July 1	1,406,057	574,614	1,980,671
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ 1,370,236	\$ 703,073	\$ 2,073,309

The accompanying notes are in integral part of this statement

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
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Net Changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 92,638
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
The purchase of Fixed assets is recorded as an expense in the governmental funds, but capitalized in the government activities.	66,459
Other Post Employment Benefits is recognized as an expense in governmental activities but not reported in the funds (reduction of expense).	122,130
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(48,171)
Compensated Absences are reconized as an expense in governmental activities but not reported in the funds (reduction of expense)	<u>15,649</u>
Changes in net position of governmental activities - statement of activities	<u><u>\$ 248,705</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District (District) was founded on November 20, 1986 by an agreement between Nevada, Plumas and Sierra Counties and their corresponding Air Pollution Control Districts under provisions of Chapter 3 Part 3 Division 26 of the California Health and Safety Code. The District is responsible for attaining and maintaining the federal and state ambient air quality standards, and is therefore engaged in activities such as air monitoring, planning, enforcement, permitting, public education, and complaint investigation. Substantial funding for the District is from County established surcharges on vehicle registrations. These monies are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles and subsequently remitted to the District. Other sources of revenues include state subvention funding and fees from various permits, fines, and County general fund contributions. Over 50% of the District's revenue originates from or passes through departments of the State of California.

The District accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

1. Reporting Entity

The District's combined financial statements include the accounts of all its operations. The District evaluated whether any other entity should be included in these financial statements. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity" and GASB Statement No. 39 "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units," include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in its name)
- The District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- The District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- The District is able to impose its will on the organization
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the District
- The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government
- The primary government is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization
- The economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the specific primary government is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government

Based on these criteria, the District has no component units. Additionally, the District is not a component unit of any other reporting entity as defined by the GASB Statement.

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2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

a. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, with separate statements presented for each fund category. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the district except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Restricted Fund: This is the program fund of the District. It represents resources restricted to support of District air quality improvement and monitoring grants funded by AB 2766, Farmers Pooled Share Program, Wood Stove Replacement Project, EPA PM2.5 Grant, and other government funding programs.

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements: These financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. They are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include county assessments, grants, entitlements, and

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donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available. Revenue from permits is not considered measurable until they are received and are recognized as revenue at that time because the renewal amount is based partially on actual emissions for the preceding period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital assets acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

When the District incurs an expense for which both restricted and unrestricted resources may be used, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources.

3. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

a. Deposits & Investments

Cash is composed of the following amounts as of June 30, 2024:

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ -	\$ 425,401	\$ 425,401
Cash in Nevada County Treasury	2,520,361	899,835	3,420,196
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 2,520,361</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,236</u>	<u>\$ 3,845,597</u>

Cash balances held in banks are insured to \$250,000 by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation. All cash held by the financial institutions is fully insured or collateralized.

Nearly all cash at June 30, 2024 is pooled for investment purposes and held by Nevada County. Interest is apportioned quarterly to the District based on the average daily balances on deposit with the County of Nevada. The Nevada County Treasury is an external investment pool for the District and the District is considered and involuntary participant. The investments made by the Treasurer are regulated by the California Government Code and by the County's investment policy, however, the County's investment pool is not rated by a nationally recognized rating agency. By limiting its investments to the Nevada County Treasurers' investment pool, managed in accordance with the California Government Code,

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the District minimizes its exposure to custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk.

Cash deposits are reported at carrying value which reasonably estimates fair value.

b. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used.

Capital assets are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Vehicles	5
Office Equipment	7
Field Equipment	5-7

Gain or loss is recognized when assets are retired from service or are otherwise disposed.

c. Receivable and Payable Balances

The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid the obscuring of significant components by aggregation. Therefore, no disclosure is provided which disaggregates those balances.

There are no significant receivables which are not scheduled for collection within one year of year end.

d. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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. Currently, the District has only two items that qualify for reporting in this category, deferred amounts from District pension contributions and deferred amounts from District OPEB contributions.

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 District has two types of items that qualifies for reporting in this category,

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unavailable amounts from the District portion of PERS pension earnings and unavailable amounts from OPEB earnings.

e. Compensated Absences

Accrued compensated absences for accumulated unpaid leave that is payable to employees upon termination include 100% of all employees' vacation time and compensated time off earned. In addition, 35% of sick time earned for employees who have been employed by the district for five years are also included. This liability is accrued in the Government-Wide financial statements but not on the Governmental Fund financial statements. The current portion of the liabilities is recognized in the General Fund at year end.

f. Budgetary Accounting

The District adopts its budget by July 1st of each year. Supplemental appropriations are adopted throughout the year as necessary.

g. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America requires the use of management's estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

h. Components of Net Position

For Government-Wide Financial Statements, equity is classified in three components as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of debt borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Position consists of net assets with restrictions placed on the use either by external groups such as contributors, grantors or regulations of other governments, or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position consists of all other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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

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The District can assign balances for specific future uses; however, these assignments are not disclosed on the Statement of Net Position.

i. Equity Classifications

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Non-spendable Fund Balance – represents amounts that cannot be spend because they are either not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid insurance) or legally required to remain intact (such as notes receivable or principal of a permanent fund).

Restricted Fund Balance – represents amounts that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action by the District’s governing board. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the governing board removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the governing board. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance – represents amounts which the District intends to use for a specific purpose, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent may be stipulated by the governing board or body to which the governing board delegates the authority. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debts service or permanent fund are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type or the fund’s primary purpose. Assignments within the general fund conveys that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District.

Unassigned Fund Balance – represents amounts which are unconstrained in that they may be spent for any purpose. Only the general fund reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds might report a negative balance in this classification because of overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed or assigned.

j. Subsequent Event Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 25, 2024 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 2 – COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures," violations of finance-related legal and contractual provisions, if any, are reported below, along with actions taken to address such violations:

<u>Violation</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
None reported	Not applicable

2. Deficit Fund Net Assets of Individual Funds

Following are funds having deficit fund net assets at year end, if any, along with remarks which address such deficits:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
None	None	Not Applicable

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance 6/30/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2024</u>
Furniture	\$ 73,455	\$ -	\$ (18,477)	\$ 54,978
Equipment	380,390	20,797	(127,977)	273,210
Vehicles	116,998	45,662	(19,898)	142,762
Total Capital Assets	<u>570,843</u>	<u>66,459</u>	<u>(166,352)</u>	<u>470,950</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(402,631)</u>	<u>(48,171)</u>	<u>166,352</u>	<u>(284,450)</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 168,212</u>	<u>\$ 18,288</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 186,500</u>

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Air Quality Management	\$48,171
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NOTE 4 – LONG TERM DEBT

Long Term Debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2024</u>
Other Post Employment Benefits as restated	\$ 782,494	\$ -	191,519	\$ 590,975
Compensated Absences	57,097	-	15,649	41,448
Net Pension Liability	<u>1,338,735</u>	<u>88,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,426,915</u>
Total Debt Payable	<u>\$ 2,178,326</u>	<u>\$ 88,180</u>	<u>\$ 207,168</u>	<u>2,059,338</u>
Less Current Portion				-
Long Term Portion of Debt Payable				<u>\$ 2,059,338</u>

NOTE 5 – EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Actual Expenses exceeded the budget in the following accounts:

<u>Appropriations Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund:	
Salaries	\$ <u>38,380</u>
Air Monitoring	\$ <u>19,385</u>
Professional Fees	\$ <u>10,056</u>
Office	\$ <u>10,413</u>
Travel	\$ <u>153</u>
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ <u>4,720</u>
Insurance	\$ <u>6,100</u>
Capital Outlay	\$ <u>6,459</u>
Dues and Suscriptions	\$ <u>49</u>
Restricted Fund:	
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>6,983</u>

Air Monitoring, professional fees and office expenses exceeded budget due to larger expenses on EPA Target Grant. All other categories were unanticipated cost overruns.

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NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

The District is not currently involved in litigation. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the disposition of all litigation pending will not have a material effect on the financial statements.

State and Federal Allowances, Awards, and Grants

The District has received state and federal funds for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Although such audits could generate expenditure disallowances under terms of the grants, it is believed that any required reimbursement will not be material.

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT AND LITIGATION

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and customers; and natural disasters. The District has managed these risks by obtaining coverage from commercial insurance companies as well as providing employee education and prevention programs. All risk management activities are accounted for in the General Fund. Expenses and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported are considered.

The District's attorney estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the District as of June 30, 2024 will not materially affect the financial condition of the District. Therefore, the funds contain no provision for estimated claims. Information relating to an analysis of claims activities for the year was not available.

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The District, as the employer, participates in the cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the California Public employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). The plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members, and beneficiaries. A full description of the pension plan benefit provisions and assumptions for funding purposes can be obtained in Appendix B of the June 30, 2013 CalPERS actuarial evaluation report available at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/forms-publications>.

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Contributions

The contribution requirements of the Plan are established by Section 20814(c) of the California Public Employees' Retirement Law, which requires that 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. For the measurement period ended June 30, 2023 the active employee contribution rate was 7% of annual pay, and the Districts contribution rate was 10.152%. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$163,977 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$1,426,915 for its proportionate share of the total net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by the pension plan relative to the total contributions received by the pension plan for all participating employers as of June 30, 2023. Based upon this information, the District's proportion was .02854%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$233,365. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Change in Assumptions	\$ 86,149	\$ -
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	72,895	11,308
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	231,030	-
Differences between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	6,359	18,897
Change in Employer's Proportion	288	28,851
Pension Contributions made Subsequent to Measurement Date	163,977	-
Total	<u>\$ 560,698</u>	<u>\$ 59,056</u>

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\$163,977 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Any other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Measurement Period Ended June 30,	Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ 90,608
2026	64,083
2027	176,344
2028	6,629
2029	-
Total	\$ 337,664

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all prior periods included in the measurement:

Discount Rate:	6.90%
Inflation:	2.75%
Salary Increases:	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Investment Rate of Return:	7.50% net of Pension Plan Investment and Administrative Expenses
 Mortality Rate Table:	 Derived using CalPERS Membership Data for all Funds
Post Retirement Benefit Increase	Contract COLA up to 2.75% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies, 2.75% thereafter

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

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Asset Class	New Strategic Allocation	Real Return Years 1-10 ¹	Real Return years 11 + ²
Global Equity	47.00%	5.25%	5.71%
Global Fixed Income	19.00	0.99	2.43
Inflation Sensitive	6.00	0.45	3.36
Private Equity	12.00	6.83	6.95
Real Estate	11.00	4.50	5.13
Infrastructure and Forestland	3.00	4.50	5.09
Liquidity	2.00	(0.55)	(1.05)

¹An expected inflation of 2.5% used for this period

²An expected inflation of 3.0% used for this period

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. To determine whether the municipal bond rate should be used in the calculation of a discount rate for each plan, 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 6.90% discount rate is adequate and the use of the municipal bond rate calculation is not necessary. The long term expected discount rate of 6.90% 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 the CalPERS' website under the GASB 68 section.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the Plan as of the measurement date using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (5.90%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate - 1% Rate (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	Discount Rate + 1% Rate (7.90%)
Plan's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ 2,158,299	\$ 1,426,915	\$ 824,923

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report of CalPERS which can be located at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/forms-publications>.

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NOTE 9– POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS

The District provides certain postretirement healthcare benefits, as established by board policy, to eligible employees through a single-employer plan governed by the Public Employees’ medical & Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) and administered by the District. The Plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. Employees may receive this benefit until they reach Medicare age.

Employees are eligible for this benefits after attaining the age of 55 with at least 10 years of service to the District. Benefits are provided by CalPERS in exchange for premiums paid by the District up to \$9,600 per year. Employees hired after July 1, 2014 are not eligible for District paid premiums. The plan does not issue a standalone report.

Authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements lies with the District board of directors. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement NO. 75.

All contracts with District employees will be renegotiated periodically in the future, thus costs and benefits are subject to change. Benefits and contribution requirements for the OPEB plan are established by various labor agreements.

a. Funding Policy

The District currently pays for post-employment healthcare benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. The District has not set aside any funds to accumulate assets for future retiree obligations. Due to the requirements of GASB No. 75, assets intended to fund future obligations are not considered to offset the unfunded benefit obligation until the assets are transferred to an irrevocable trust designed to pay for future OPEB obligations.

At June 30, 2024, the following retirees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Active Employees	<u>1</u>
Total Number of Participants	<u>5</u>

b. Total OPEB Liability

The District’s total OPEB liability of \$590,975 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Actuarial Assumption and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumption and other inputs, applied to all periods including in the measurement unless otherwise specified.

Percent Married	Actual Data
Salary Increases	3.00%
Discount Rate	3.86%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	5.20%
Age Adjustment Factor	3.00%

Discount Rate

GASB 75 requires a discount rate that reflects the following:

- a) The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments – to the extent that the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position (if any) is projected to be sufficient to make projected benefit payment and assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve to be invested using a strategy to achieve that return;
- b) A yield or index rate for 20-years, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bond with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher – to the extent that the conditions in (a) are not met.

To determine a resulting single (blended) rate, the amount of the pan’s projected fiduciary net position (if any) and the amount of projected benefit payments is compared in each period of projected benefit payment. The discount rate used to measure the District’s Total OPEB liability is based on these requirements and the following information:

Long–Term Expected Return of Plan Investments	4.00 %
Municipal Bond 20- Year High Grade Rate Index	2.45 %

Pre-retirement mortality rates were bases on the RP- 2014 Employee Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, without projection. Post-retirement mortality rates were bases on the RP-2014 Health Annuitant Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, without projection.

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Schedule of changes in Net OPEB Liability

Total OPEB Liability	
Service Cost	\$ 19,720
Interest	28,950
Changes of benefit terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(194,607)
Changes of assumptions	(9,944)
Benefit Payments	<u>(35,638)</u>
Net Change in total OPEB liability	<u>(191,519)</u>
Total OPEB liability- beginning (a)	<u>782,494</u>
Total OPEB liability- ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 590,975</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	
Contributions- employer*	\$ 35,638
Net Investment income	-
Benefit Payments	(35,638)
Administrative expenses	<u>-</u>
Net Change in plan fiduciary net positions	<u>-</u>
Plan fiduciary net position- Beginning (c)	<u>-</u>
Plan fiduciary net position- Beginning (d)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
Net OPEB liability- beginning (c) - (a)	<u>\$ 782,494</u>
Net OPEB liability- ending (d) - (b)	<u><u>\$ 590,975</u></u>

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.86 percent) or 1 percentage-point higher (4.86 percent) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.86%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.86%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.86%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability (asset)	\$ 653,928	\$ 590,975	\$ 537,904

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to change in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the net OPEB liability, as well as what net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend that are 1- percentage-point lower

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(4.200 percent decreasing to 4.0 percent) or 1- percentage- point higher (7.00 percent decreasing to 6.2 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease (4.2%)	Trend Rate (5.2 %)	1% Increase (6.2 %)
Net OPEB liability (assets)	\$ 538,197	\$ 590,975	\$ 651,375

c. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense (decrease in expense) of \$(191,519).

Net OPEB Expense	
Change in Net OPEB Liability	\$ (191,519)
Employer Contributions	35,638
Net OPEB Expense	\$ (155,881)

NOTE 10 – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The District participates in one joint venture under joint powers agreements (JPA’s) with the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a public entity risk pool established to provide health, liability, property, and workers’ compensation insurance to its members. The boards control the operations of the JPA’s including the selection of management and approval of the operating budget, independent of any influence by the member districts beyond their representation on the boards.

NOTE 11 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The District’s Board is made up of members of the Board of Supervisors of Nevada, Plumas, and Sierra Counties. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, Nevada County contributed \$53,413 Plumas County contributed \$10,820 and Sierra County contributed \$1,752 to support the District’s operations.

NOTE 12 – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The District participates in one joint venture under joint powers agreements (JPA’s) with the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a public entity risk pool established to provide health, liability, property, and workers’ compensation insurance to its members. The boards control the operations of the JPA’s including the selection of management and approval of the operating budget, independent of any influence by the member districts beyond their representation on the boards.

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NOTE 13 – COMMITTED FUND BALANCE

As of June 30, 2024, the District through action by its board of Directors has internally committed portions of the unrestricted fund balance as follows:

Other Post-Employment Benefits	\$ 550,000
Equipment Replacements / Depreciation	110,000
Leave Liability	70,000
Air Monitoring Program	40,000
Public Education Program	10,000
Leasehold Improvements	40,000
Emergency Fund	56,000
Litigation	52,000
Total	<u>\$ 928,000</u>

NOTE 14 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

An adjustment to the June 30, 2023 balance has been made due to a overstatement of the liability for post-employment benefits other than pension benefits (OPEB) for June 30, 2023. The adjustment is due to a change in actuarial assumptions. The adjustment to Net Position is summarized as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Net Position as originally reported	\$ 307,752
Adjustment	<u>145,655</u>
Net Position as Restated	<u>\$ 453,407</u>

The adjustment to Net OPB Liability is summarized as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Net OBEP Liability as originally reported	\$ 928,149
Adjustment	<u>(145,655)</u>
Net OBEP Liability as restated	<u>\$ 782,494</u>

As a result of this Prior Period adjustment, Benefits expenses was overstated by \$145,655 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget		
Revenue:				
Permits & Fees	\$ 132,250	\$ 132,250	\$ 106,636	\$ (25,614)
Intergovernmental Revenue	786,569	786,569	1,054,592	268,023
Interest Income	35,000	35,000	47,598	12,598
Other Income	100	100	15	(85)
Total Revenue	953,919	953,919	1,208,841	254,922
Expenditures:				
Air Quality Management				
Salaries	551,552	551,552	589,932	(38,380)
Benefits	325,745	325,745	279,754	45,991
Air Monitoring	16,000	16,000	35,385	(19,385)
Professional Fees	70,000	70,000	80,056	(10,056)
Communications	17,500	17,500	15,643	1,857
Travel	17,000	17,000	17,153	(153)
Office	49,200	49,200	59,613	(10,413)
Rent and Utilities	69,019	69,019	66,366	2,653
Repairs and Maintenance	5,500	5,500	10,220	(4,720)
Dues and Subscriptions	5,800	5,800	5,849	(49)
Insurance	12,000	12,000	18,100	(6,100)
Pass-thru Funds	13,650	13,650	132	13,518
Capital Outlay	60,000	60,000	66,459	(6,459)
Miscellaneous	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
Total Expenditures	1,218,966	1,218,966	1,244,662	(25,696)
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (265,047)</u>	<u>\$ (265,047)</u>	<u>\$ (35,821)</u>	<u>\$ 280,618</u>

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESTRICTED FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget		
Revenue:				
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 1,016,200	\$ 1,016,200	\$ 1,587,303	\$ 571,103
Grant Income	-		674,918	674,918
Total Revenue	1,016,200	1,016,200	2,262,221	1,246,021
Expenditures:				
Air Quality Management				
AB 2766 Grants	245,129	245,129	109,666	135,463
Carl Moyer Diesel	430,930	430,930	95,987	334,943
Woodsmoke Reduction Program	39,315	39,315	25,381	13,934
AB 923	452,295	452,295		452,295
EPA Target Grant- Woodstove	614,860	614,860	1,222,810	(607,950)
Farmers Pooled Share Program	677,973	677,973	674,918	3,055
Nox Reduction Measure	19,350	19,350	-	19,350
AB 2022-Town of Truckee	50,000	50,000		
Miscellaneous	5,828	5,828		5,828
AB 617	73,000	73,000	5,000	68,000
Total Expenditures	2,608,680	2,608,680	2,133,762	424,918
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (1,592,480)	\$ (1,592,480)	\$ 128,459	\$ 821,103

**SCHEDULE OF THE NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT'S
PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	0.02854%	0.02861%	0.012260%	0.010730%	0.107000%	0.010720%	0.010662%	0.010697%	0.010831%	0.01162%
Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,426,915	\$ 1,338,735	\$ 662,905	\$ 1,167,979	\$ 1,096,472	\$ 1,023,724	\$ 1,057,372	\$ 925,584	\$ 751,272	\$ 722,829
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 551,001	\$ 534,321	\$ 507,193	\$ 368,395	\$ 419,635	\$ 419,635	\$ 364,341	\$ 390,896	\$ 369,089	\$ 396,315
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	258.97%	250.55%	130.70%	317.05%	261.29%	243.96%	290.21%	236.79%	203.55%	182.39%
Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability	72.27%	83.08%	72.67%	73.44%	72.87%	74.03%	71.71%	75.87%	78.00%	76.79%
Plan's Proportionate Share of Aggregate Employer Contributions	\$ 163,977	\$ 174,123	\$ 158,730	\$ 147,036	\$ 129,379	\$ 112,679	\$ 73,545	\$ 84,594	\$ 77,441	\$ 64,684

District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
 Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)
 District's Covered-Employee Payroll
 District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll
 Plan's Proportionate Share of the Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability
 Plan's Proportionate Share of Aggregate Employer Contributions

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT'S
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2021-22	Fiscal Year 2020-21	Fiscal Year 2019-20	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2014-15
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 163,977	\$ 174,123	\$ 158,730	\$ 147,036	\$ 129,379	\$ 126,059	\$ 106,950	\$ 95,065	\$ 60,900	\$ 65,837
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	(163,977)	(174,123)	(158,730)	(147,036)	(129,379)	(126,059)	(94,835)	(88,034)	(84,594)	(77,441)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,115	\$ 7,031	\$ (23,694)	\$ (11,604)
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 551,001	\$ 534,321	\$ 507,193	\$ 368,395	\$ 419,635	\$ 419,635	\$ 364,341	\$ 390,896	\$ 369,089	\$ 396,315
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-employee Payroll	29.76%	32.59%	31.30%	39.91%	30.83%	30.04%	26.03%	22.52%	22.92%	19.54%

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE
 SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**

	Measurement Years Ended						
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 590,975	\$ 782,494	\$ 928,149	\$ 859,554	\$ 843,477	\$ 867,094	\$ 884,064
Total	<u>\$ 590,975</u>	<u>\$ 782,494</u>	<u>\$ 928,149</u>	<u>\$ 859,554</u>	<u>\$ 843,477</u>	<u>\$ 867,094</u>	<u>\$ 884,064</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 590,083	\$ 540,099	\$ 291,242	\$ 247,108	\$ 294,360	\$ 348,849	\$ 364,341
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	100.15%	144.88%	318.69%	347.85%	286.65%	248.56%	242.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule provides the information for those years for which information is available.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS**

	Measurement Years Ended						
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Statutorily or contractually required District contribution	\$ 35,638	\$ 20,442	\$ 24,537	\$ 24,225	\$ 20,650	\$ 23,586	\$ 23,776
Contributions recognized by OPEB in relation to statutorily or contractually required contribution	35,638	20,442	24,537	24,225	20,650	23,586	23,776
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 590,083	\$ 540,099	\$ 291,242	\$ 247,108	\$ 294,360	\$ 348,849	\$ 364,341
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.04%	3.78%	8.42%	9.80%	7.02%	6.76%	6.53%

*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule provides the information for those years for which information is available.

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	Fiscal Years Ended						
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service Cost	\$ 19,720	\$ 30,866	\$ 19,615	\$ 19,455	\$ 16,893	\$ 29,097	\$ 28,250
Interest	28,950	18,218	21,241	26,634	31,630	27,305	26,337
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(194,607)	-	14,491	-	(77,752)	-	-
Changes of Assumptions	(9,944)	(174,297)	37,785	(5,787)	26,262	(49,786)	-
Benefit Payments	(35,638)	(20,442)	(24,537)	(24,225)	(20,650)	(23,586)	(23,776)
Net Change in OPEB Liability	(191,519)	(145,655)	68,595	16,077	(23,617)	(16,970)	30,811
OPEB Liability - Beginning	782,494	928,149	859,554	843,477	867,094	884,064	853,253
OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 590,975</u>	<u>\$ 782,494</u>	<u>\$ 928,149</u>	<u>\$ 859,554</u>	<u>\$ 843,477</u>	<u>\$ 867,094</u>	<u>\$ 884,064</u>

There were no changes in benefit terms in 2024.

The following are the discount rates used in each period:

2024	3.86%
2023	3.69%
2022	1.92%
2021	2.45%
2020	3.13%
2019	3.62%
2018	3.13%

Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards By Grant
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Grantor and Number	Name of Grant - Grant ID No.	Federal Expenditures(\$)
Other Programs				
United States Environmental Protection Agency Targeted Airshed Grant Program				
Targeted Airshed Grant Program	66.956	California Environmental Protection Agency	2020 Targeted Airshed Grant Program--G20-NS-002	\$ 138,575
Targeted Airshed Grant Program	66.956	California Environmental Protection Agency	2018 Targeted Airshed Grant Program--G18-NS-001	902,805
Targeted Airshed Grant Program	66.956	California Environmental Protection Agency	2015 Targeted Airshed Grant Program--G15-NS-001	6,866
Total Targeted Airshed Grant Program				1,048,246
Total United States Environmental Protection Agency				1,048,246
Total Other Programs				1,048,246
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$ 1,048,246

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

The accompanying Schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all Federal award programs of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District. The District's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the basic financial statements. All financial assistance received directly from the Federal agencies as well as Federal financial assistance passed through other governmental agencies to the District is included in the accompanying schedule.

The District did not elect to use the 10% *de minimis* indirect cost rate. Federal financial assistance passed through to other agencies is included in the schedule, if applicable.

Federal and state awards expended are reported on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with federally accepted accounting principles as described in the notes to the financial statements.

The schedule was prepared only from accounts of the grant programs and, therefore, does not present the financial position or results of operations of the Organization.

Federal Awards expenditures agree or can be reconciled with the amounts reported in the District's basic financial statements.

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedule agree with amounts reported in related federal financial reports.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Grass Valley, CA

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 25, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002.

District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of the Report

This purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,



SingletonAuman PC

Susanville, CA

November 25, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE *UNIFORM
GUIDANCE***

Board of Directors
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
Grass Valley, CA

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-002. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



SingletonAuman, PC

Susanville, California

November 25, 2024

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 COMBINED SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 JUNE 30, 2024**

A. Summary of Auditors' Results

1. Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

Significant Deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

2. Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

Significant Deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None Reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Version of Compliance Supplement used in audit: 2024

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 200.516. Yes No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
66.956	Target Airshed Grant Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
COMBINED SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

**YELLOW BOOK SECTION
Internal Control – Significant Deficiency**

Finding 2024-001: Financial Statement Preparation

Criteria upon which audit finding is based (Legal Citation):

The District is responsible for preparing complete and accurate financial statements, footnote disclosures, and management's discussion and analysis in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Finding (Condition):

The District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, footnote disclosures, and management's discussion and analysis are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit for the newest GASB pronouncements, GASB 68 & GASB 75. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures and required supplementary information schedules, for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

Amount of Questioned Cost, How Computed and Prevalence:

None

Effect:

There is a risk that a financial statement misstatement may exist and not be prevented or detected by the District's system of internal control.

Cause:

This condition has always existed at the District and is being reported in accordance with AU-C Section 265, Communicating Internal Control Matters Identified in an Audit.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the District be aware of this control deficiency, despite reliance upon the audit to record this information.

District's Response:

The District concurs with this finding.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
COMBINED SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
JUNE 30, 2024**

**Single Audit Finding
Compliance- Significant Deficiency**

Finding 2024-002: Procurement Policy

Federal Agency: United States Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Program: Targeted Airshed Grant Program
ALN: 66.956

Criteria upon which audit finding is based (Legal Citation):
Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Sections 200.318 to 200.326

Finding (Condition):

In our testing of the District's compliance with the federal rules of procurement, suspension and debarment, we noted that the District did not have policies and procedure implemented to ensure compliance with 2 CFR section 200.318 to 200.326.

Amount of Questioned Cost, How Computed and Prevalence:
None

Effect:

The District is out of compliance with Federal requirements for procurement, suspension and debarment.

Cause:

The District has not yet developed and implemented a procurement policy specific for Federal program compliance.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the District develop and implement a procurement policy that contains the appropriate elements, and meets the requirements of 2 CFR Section 200.318 to 200.326

District's Response:

The District concurs with this finding. Despite the lack of a procurement policy, the District has appropriately spent Federal funds for the Targeted Airshed Grants in accordance with each Grant Agreement.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
(FINDINGS FROM THE JUNE 30, 2023 AUDIT REPORT)
JUNE 30, 2024**

Finding 2023-001

The District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, footnote disclosures, and management's discussion and analysis are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit for the newest GASB pronouncements, GASB 68 & GASB 75. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures and required supplementary information schedules, for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

Status

Not Implemented. See the current year finding 2024-001.

**NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
JUNE 30, 2024**

Person Monitoring Corrective Action Plan

Julie Hunter

Air Pollution Control Officer

Finding 2024-001: Financial Statement Preparation

Finding (Condition)

The District does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that complete and accurate financial statements, footnote disclosures, and management's discussion and analysis are prepared in accordance with GAAP prior to the annual audit for the newest GASB pronouncements, GASB 68 & GASB 75. Management relies upon the auditor to recommend footnote disclosures and required supplementary information schedules, for the financial statements and to prepare adjusting journal entries for approval in order to report financial information in accordance with GAAP.

Corrective Action Planned

The District has determined that the costs of correcting this control weakness outweigh the benefits to be received. The District will continue to rely on the independent auditor to prepare its annual financial statements.

Expected Completion Date

Ongoing.

Finding 2024-002: Procurement Policy

Finding (Condition)

In our testing of the District's compliance with the federal rules of procurement, suspension and debarment, we noted that the District did not have policies and procedure implemented to ensure compliance with 2 CFR section 200.318 to 200.326.

Corrective Action Planned

The District will develop and implement procurement policies and procedure to ensure compliance with 2 CFR section 200.318 to 200.326.

Expected Completion Date

Ongoing.