

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**  
**PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA**  
**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**



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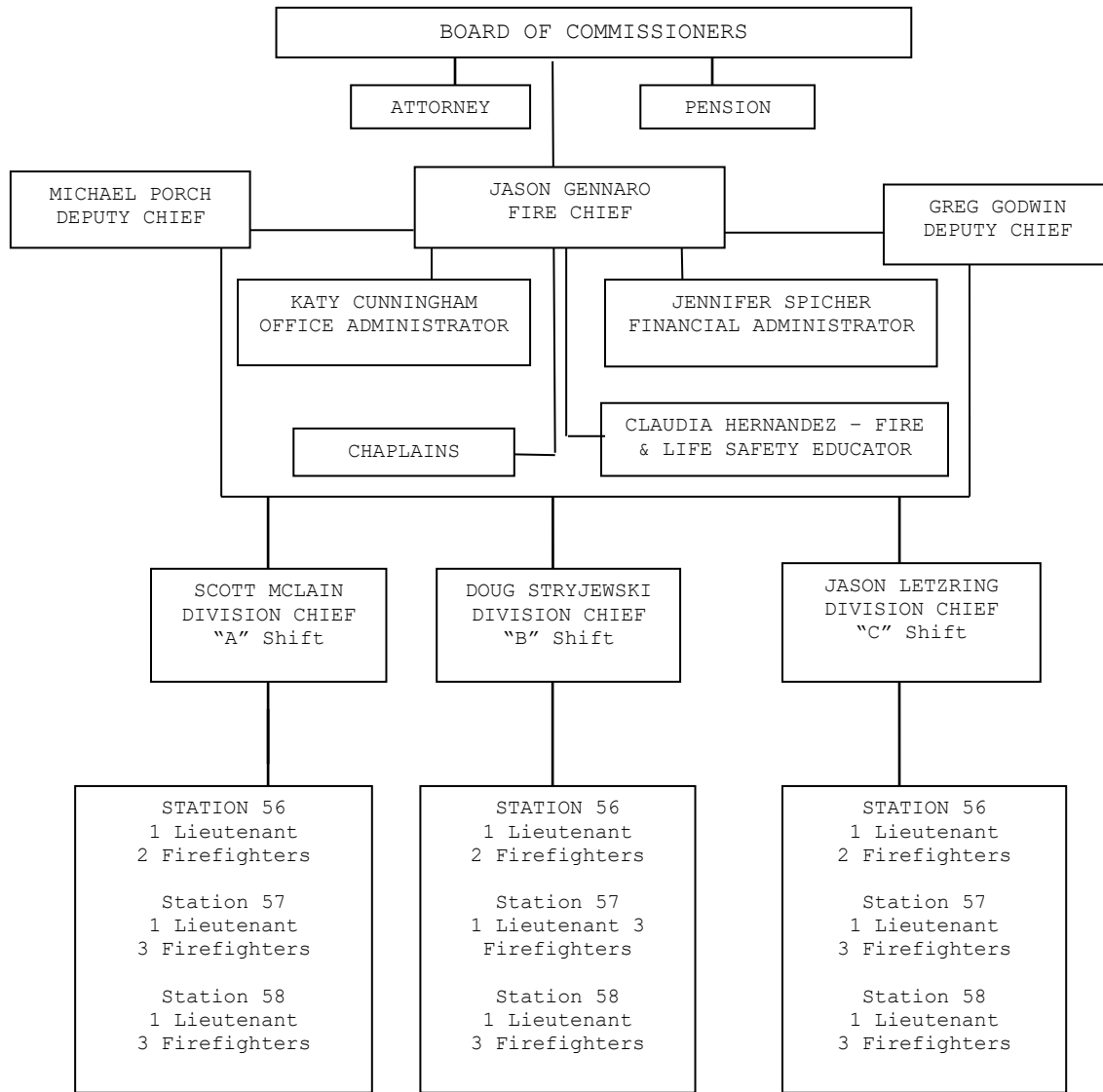
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# EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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# EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

## LISTING OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner	Kevin Kenney- Chairman
Commissioner	Tom McQueen- Secretary
Commissioner	Maryellen Crowder- Commissioner at Large
Commissioner	Randy Burr- Treasurer
Commissioner	Jim Dalrymple- Vice Chairman

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Fire Chief	Jason Gennaro
Corporate Attorney	Andrew J. Salzman

### DEPARTMENT MANAGERS

**Deputy Chief**  
Greg Godwin  
Michael Porch

**Financial Administrator**  
Jennifer Spicher

**Office Manager**  
Katy Cunningham

**Public Education Officer**  
Claudia Hernandez

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## **II. FINANCIAL SECTION**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the budgetary comparisons for the general fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, (the "District"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

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

Board of Fire Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statement, 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.

#### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District's basic financial statements. The introductory and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory section and statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Board of Fire Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

**Other Reporting by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 8, 2022, 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 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.



Tampa, Florida  
August 8, 2022

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**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

As management of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (the "District"), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the 2021 fiscal year by \$6,012,885 (net position).
- The District's net position increased by \$1,420,591 during the current fiscal year. The District received higher federal and state grants.
- As of the close of the 2021 fiscal year, the District's governmental funds (general and capital projects funds) reported an ending fund balance of \$5,937,037, an increase of \$1,675,549 in comparison with the prior year. \$1,243,752 (unassigned fund balance) is available for spending at the District's discretion.
- Outstanding debt, which includes compensated absences, net pension and OPEB liabilities, and capital leases at the end of fiscal year 2021 is \$4,395,110.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, using accounting methods similar to a private-sector business. These statements include all assets and liabilities on the accrual basis of accounting. All current year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., unused vacation leave).



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
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The government-wide financial statements should distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by the District's residents and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). All of the District's activities are governmental. The District is the primary government.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Traditional users of government financial statements may find the fund financial statement presentation more familiar. The fund financial statements provide more information about the District's general fund - not the District as a whole.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District's funds consist of the general fund, the capital project fund and the fiduciary fund categories.

*Governmental Funds* - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains two governmental funds, its general fund and its capital projects fund. These funds are presented in the governmental fund balance sheets and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. Accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for the government-wide financial statements.

**Notes to financial statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information (RSI) concerning the District's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its firefighters.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the District's case, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$6,012,885 and \$4,713,376 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

The District's capital assets represent investments in land, buildings and improvements and equipment. Approximately 73% of the total net position are capital assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens and property owners, consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt and the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate general operating liabilities.

The unrestricted category of net position, with a balance of \$1,674,236 and \$171,407 at years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors and is shown in the following schedule:

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash	\$ 6,115,951	\$ 3,498,645
Investments	-	1,008,963
Other current assets	143,706	227,689
Capital assets, net	5,635,248	6,022,963
Total assets	11,894,905	10,758,260
Deferred outflows of resources	1,131,798	555,134
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 13,026,703	\$ 11,313,394
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	567,680	569,170
Long-term liabilities	4,171,703	5,527,444
Total liabilities	4,739,383	6,096,614
Deferred inflows of resources	2,274,435	503,404
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	4,338,649	4,541,969
Unrestricted	1,674,236	171,407
Total net position	6,012,885	4,713,376
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 13,026,703	\$ 11,313,394

The District's net position increased by \$1,420,591 during the current fiscal year primarily from higher than budgeted grant funding that was received. The District's net position increased by \$720,127 during the prior fiscal year, primarily from higher than budgeted ad valorem income.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
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**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

	Governmental Activities	
	2021	2020
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,842,473	\$ 1,803,395
Impact fees	43,705	70,190
Federal and state grants	784,533	32,720
Total program revenues	2,670,711	1,906,305
General revenues		
Property taxes	5,955,655	5,726,468
Investment earnings	15,654	29,528
Other	154,082	147,715
Total general revenues	6,125,391	5,903,711
Total program and general revenues	8,796,102	7,810,016
Expenses		
Public Safety - Fire Protection	5,585,690	5,316,673
Public Safety - EMS	1,789,821	1,773,216
Total expenses	7,375,511	7,089,889
Changes in net position	1,420,591	720,127
Net position, beginning of year	4,713,376	3,993,249
Prior period adjustments	(121,082)	-
Net position, beginning of year as restated	4,592,294	3,993,249
Net position, end of year	\$ 6,012,885	\$ 4,713,376

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
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**Financial Analysis of the District's Funds**

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the District's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the District's chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, the total fund balance of the general fund was \$5,810,055. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to total general fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance represents 17.2% of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance for the general fund increased by \$1,632,020 during the current fiscal year. The key factors in this increase were higher than anticipated grant revenue and ad valorem revenue.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

An annual budget is legally adopted for the general fund and was not amended during 2021. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$875,151. Property taxes, representing 74.7% of the District's budgeted revenue increased by \$229,187 over the prior period actual amount.

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 5,874,044	\$ 5,955,655	\$ 81,611
EMS contract	1,844,179	1,842,473	(1,706)
Grant revenue	15,000	784,533	769,533
Sale of capital asset	-	80,000	80,000
Other	<u>236,365</u>	<u>182,078</u>	<u>(54,287)</u>
Total revenues	7,969,588	8,844,739	875,151
Expenditures			
General government			
Public safety - fire	5,959,508	5,237,342	(722,166)
Public safety - EMS	1,776,994	1,743,761	(33,233)
Debt service	<u>233,086</u>	<u>231,616</u>	<u>(1,470)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>7,969,588</u>	<u>7,212,719</u>	<u>(756,869)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,632,020</u>	<u>\$ 1,632,020</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
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**Capital Assets**

At the end of 2021, the District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities was \$5,635,248 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, and equipment.

	Beginning Balance	Net Additions/ (Deletions)	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 447,010	\$ -	\$ 447,010
Buildings and improvements	5,365,623	-	5,365,623
Equipment	<u>3,629,341</u>	<u>(33,840)</u>	<u>3,595,501</u>
Total capital assets	9,441,974	(33,840)	9,408,134
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,419,011)</u>	<u>(353,875)</u>	<u>(3,772,886)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,022,963</u>	<u>\$ (387,715)</u>	<u>\$ 5,635,248</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**LONG-TERM DEBT**

At the end of 2021, the District had total long-term debt outstanding made up of compensated absences, net pension and OPEB liabilities, and capital leases of \$4,395,110.

More detailed information about the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 6.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The District's Board of Commissioners approved a \$9,572,210 budget for fiscal year 2022.

**CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for the District's residents and creditors. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to:

Chief Jason Gennaro  
3375 Tarpon Lake Blvd.  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34685

For information about services, visit the District's website at [www.elfr.org](http://www.elfr.org).

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**ASSETS**

**Current assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,115,951
Receivables		140,561
Prepaid items		3,145
Total current assets		6,259,657

**Non-current assets**

Capital assets		
Non-depreciable		447,010
Depreciable		8,961,124
Accumulated depreciation		(3,772,886)
Total non-current assets		5,635,248

Total assets		11,894,905
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**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred outflows of resources		1,131,798
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**Total assets and deferred outflows**

	\$ 13,026,703
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**LIABILITIES**

**Current liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$	130,346
Accrued liabilities		192,274
Accrued interest		21,653
Capital lease - current		184,984
Compensated absences		38,423
Total current liabilities		567,680

**Non-current liabilities**

Compensated absences		345,813
Capital lease - long-term		1,111,615
Net pension liability		2,299,237
Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability		415,038
Total non-current liabilities		4,171,703

Total liabilities		4,739,383
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**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred inflows of resources		2,274,435
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**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets		4,338,649
Unrestricted		1,674,236
Total net position		6,012,885

**Total liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position**

	\$ 13,026,703
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**Expenditures - Public Safety**

Personnel services:	
Salaries	\$ 3,957,973
Retirement	801,511
Insurance - Employee	844,147
Payroll expenses	294,020
Workers compensation	144,881
Total personnel services	<u>6,042,532</u>

Other operating expenses:

Depreciation	383,833
Interest expense	44,192
Contractual services	48,985
Fire prevention	3,179
Hazardous material support	26,194
Medical and health services	20,410
Miscellaneous expense	195,353
Operating equipment	44,273
Professional services	245,922
Repairs and maintenance	120,716
Postage	476
Subscriptions	5,429
Computer hardware & software	47,723
Supplies	7,090
Telephone	20,176
Training, education, travel	46,971
Travel	9,012
Uniforms	18,469
Utilities	44,576
Total other operating expenses	<u>1,332,979</u>

Total expenses	<u>7,375,511</u>
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**Program Revenues:**

Charges for services	1,842,473
Impact fees	43,705
Federal and state grants	784,533
Total program revenues	<u>2,670,711</u>

**General Revenues:**

Property taxes	5,955,655
Tax collector fee rebate	34,147
Firefighters' educational incentive	15,315
Miscellaneous	117,136
Interest and investment earnings	15,654
Loss on sale of fixed asset	(12,516)
Total general revenues	<u>6,125,391</u>

Change in net position	<u>1,420,591</u>
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Net position at beginning of year, as previously reported	4,713,376
Prior period adjustments	(121,082)
Net position at beginning of year, as adjusted	<u>4,592,294</u>

Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 6,012,885</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,993,101	\$ 122,850	\$ 6,115,951
Receivables	136,429	4,132	140,561
Prepaid items	3,145	-	3,145
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,132,675</b>	<b>\$ 126,982</b>	<b>\$ 6,259,657</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 130,346	\$ -	\$ 130,346
Accrued liabilities	192,274	-	192,274
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>322,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>322,620</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	3,145	-	3,145
Restricted	287,633	126,982	414,615
Committed	3,325,525	-	3,325,525
Assigned	950,000	-	950,000
Unassigned	1,243,752	-	1,243,752
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>5,810,055</b>	<b>126,982</b>	<b>5,937,037</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 6,132,675</b>	<b>\$ 126,982</b>	<b>\$ 6,259,657</b>

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

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 5,937,037

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position are different because:

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

Governmental non-depreciable assets	447,010	
Governmental depreciable assets	8,961,124	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,772,886)</u>	5,635,248

Deferred outflows related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

1,131,798

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.

Accrued interest	(21,653)	
Capital leases	(1,296,599)	
Compensated absences	(384,236)	
Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability	<u>(415,038)</u>	(2,117,526)

Deferred inflows related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

(2,274,435)

Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds

Net pension liability		<u>(2,299,237)</u>
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**Total Net Position - Governmental Activities** \$ 6,012,885

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

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property tax revenue	\$ 5,955,655	\$ -	\$ 5,955,655
EMS services	1,842,473	-	1,842,473
Tax collector fee rebate	34,147	-	34,147
Firefighters' educational incentive	15,315	-	15,315
Impact fees	-	43,705	43,705
Operating grants and contributions	784,533	-	784,533
Interest and investment earnings	15,480	174	15,654
Miscellaneous	117,136	-	117,136
Total revenues	<u>8,764,739</u>	<u>43,879</u>	<u>8,808,618</u>
<b>Expenditures - Public Safety</b>			
Personnel services			
Salaries	4,004,970	-	4,004,970
Retirement	728,803	-	728,803
Insurance - employee	850,948	-	850,948
Payroll expenses	294,020	-	294,020
Workers compensation	144,881	-	144,881
Total personnel services	<u>6,023,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,023,622</u>
Other operating expenses			
Contractual services	48,985	-	48,985
Fire prevention	3,179	-	3,179
Hazardous material support	26,194	-	26,194
Medical and health services	20,410	-	20,410
Miscellaneous expense	195,003	350	195,353
Operating equipment	44,273	-	44,273
Professional services	245,922	-	245,922
Repairs and maintenance	120,716	-	120,716
Postage	476	-	476
Subscriptions	5,429	-	5,429
Computer hardware and software	47,723	-	47,723
Supplies	7,090	-	7,090
Telephone	20,176	-	20,176
Training, education, travel	46,971	-	46,971
Travel	9,012	-	9,012
Uniforms	18,469	-	18,469
Utilities	44,576	-	44,576
Total other operating expenses	<u>904,604</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>904,954</u>
Capital outlay	<u>52,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,877</u>
Debt service			
Principal	183,816	-	183,816
Interest	47,800	-	47,800
Total expenditures	<u>7,212,719</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>7,213,069</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,552,020</u>	<u>43,529</u>	<u>1,595,549</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Sale of fixed assets	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>1,632,020</u>	<u>43,529</u>	<u>1,675,549</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Beginning of Year as Previously Reported	4,334,874	83,453	4,418,327
Prior Period Adjustment	(156,839)	-	(156,839)
Beginning of Year as Adjusted	<u>4,178,035</u>	<u>83,453</u>	<u>4,261,488</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 5,810,055</u>	<u>\$ 126,982</u>	<u>\$ 5,937,037</u>

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

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**Net change in fund balances - governmental funds** \$ 1,675,549

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated lives. The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets, including disposal, which decrease net position, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Expenditures for capital assets	52,877	
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets	(80,000)	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(383,833)</u>	(410,956)

Loss on disposal of capital assets.		(12,516)
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Debt principal payments		183,816
Change in accrued interest		3,608

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in compensated absences		46,997
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in net pension liability		(72,708)
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Governmental funds do not recognize expenditures for the change in the net other postemployment benefits liability from year to year.

Change in OPEB obligation		<u>6,801</u>
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**Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities** \$ 1,420,591

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**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues</b>			
EMS services	\$ 1,844,179	\$ 1,842,473	\$ (1,706)
Tax collector fee rebate	32,500	34,147	1,647
Firefighters' educational incentive	16,560	15,315	(1,245)
Property taxes	5,874,044	5,955,655	81,611
Operating grants and contributions	15,000	784,533	769,533
Miscellaneous	162,305	117,136	(45,169)
Total revenues	<u>7,944,588</u>	<u>8,749,259</u>	<u>804,671</u>
<b>Expenditures - Public Safety</b>			
Personnel services			
Salaries	4,217,373	4,004,970	212,403
Retirement	728,214	728,803	(589)
Insurance - employee	1,050,801	850,948	199,853
Payroll Expenses	322,053	294,020	28,033
Workers' compensation	158,853	144,881	13,972
Total personnel services	<u>6,477,294</u>	<u>6,023,622</u>	<u>453,672</u>
Other operating expenses			
Contractual services	53,684	48,985	4,699
Fire prevention	10,920	3,179	7,741
Hazardous material support	40,800	26,194	14,606
Medical and health services	23,106	20,410	2,696
Miscellaneous expense	351,745	195,003	156,742
Operating equipment	57,175	44,273	12,902
Professional services	239,167	245,922	(6,755)
Repairs and maintenance	164,528	120,716	43,812
Postage	1,400	476	924
Subscriptions	9,797	5,429	4,368
Computer hardware and software	40,983	47,723	(6,740)
Supplies	15,509	7,090	8,419
Telephone	22,790	20,176	2,614
Training, education, travel	82,911	46,971	35,940
Travel	12,531	9,012	3,519
Uniforms	19,150	18,469	681
Utilities	54,512	44,576	9,936
Total other operating expenses	<u>1,200,708</u>	<u>904,604</u>	<u>296,104</u>
Capital outlay	58,500	52,877	5,623
Debt service			
Principal	185,286	183,816	1,470
Interest	47,800	47,800	-
Total expenditures	<u>7,969,588</u>	<u>7,212,719</u>	<u>756,869</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>1,536,540</u>	<u>47,802</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Sale of fixed asset	-	80,000	80,000
Interest and investment earnings	25,000	15,480	(9,520)
Total other financing sources	<u>25,000</u>	<u>95,480</u>	<u>70,480</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,632,020</u>	<u>118,282</u>

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

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Public Safety Pension Fund
<b>Assets</b>	
Receivables	
Interest and dividends	\$ 20,168
Prepaid expenses	1,428
Investments	
U.S. Government obligations	863,183
Mortgage-backed securities	266,714
Corporate obligations	1,223,648
Equity securities	8,331,530
Mutual funds - fixed income	2,632,391
Mutual funds - equity securities	7,225,291
Real estate investment fund	1,853,324
Temporary investment funds	786,225
Total investments	23,182,306
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>23,203,902</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	23,887
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>23,887</b>
<b>Net position restricted for pensions</b>	<b>\$ 23,180,015</b>

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part of these financial statements.



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	<u>Public Safety Pension Fund</u>
<b>Additions</b>	
Contributions	
Employer	\$ 700,319
Plan members buy back	27,737
Plan members	143,887
Total contributions	<u>871,943</u>
Intergovernmental revenue	
State excise tax rebate	329,447
Total intergovernmental revenue	<u>329,447</u>
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	3,601,242
Interest and dividend income	471,694
Other investment income	695
Total investment income	<u>4,073,631</u>
Less investment expenses	97,207
Net investment income	<u>3,976,424</u>
Total additions	<u>5,177,814</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Benefits:	
Age and service	951,506
Disability	97,350
DROP	97,635
Share	73,006
Refund of contributions	4,701
Administrative expenses	85,531
Total deductions	<u>1,309,729</u>
<b>Net increase in net position</b>	<b>3,868,085</b>
<b>Net position restricted for pensions</b>	
Beginning of year	<u>19,311,930</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 23,180,015</u>

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part of these financial statements.

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**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

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

General Statement

The East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (District) was created under the Laws of the State of Florida Chapter 61-2661 as amended by House Bill 795 as an independent fire control district. The District is approximately thirty- three square miles in area. The District was organized to prevent and control damage, destruction or injury to people or property by fire, disaster, or other emergencies and to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to citizens in need in the District in accordance with an annually renewable agreement for services between the District and the Pinellas County, Florida Board of County Commissioners. The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described as follows:

A. Reporting Entity

The District's general purpose financial statements include the accounts of all of the District's operations and potential component units in providing fire protection and emergency medical services to all residents and property located within its defined boundaries. The decision to include a potential component in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth on GASB Statement No. 14.

This governmental accounting standard requires that this financial statement present the District (the primary government) and its component units. Component units generally are legally separate entities for which a primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability ordinarily involves meeting both of the following criteria: the primary government is accountable for the potential component unit (i.e., the primary government appoints the voting majority of its board) and the primary government is able to impose its will upon the potential component unit, or there is a possibility that the potential component unit may provide specific financial benefits or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The firefighters' pension fund is included in these financial statements as a pension trust fund as disclosed below.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**District Pension Fund**

The pension trust fund is a defined benefit pension plan used to account for the accumulation of resources to be used for retirement annuity payments at approximate amounts and times in the future for the District's Firefighters under Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes.

Complete financial statements of the above Pension Trust Fund can be obtained from: Fire Chief's Office, East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, 3375 Tarpon Lake Boulevard, Palm Harbor, Florida 34685

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

The District has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments." The government-wide financial statements required under this statement (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, continue to be reported separately from fiduciary funds.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds (general and capital projects funds) and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements (continued)

Since the governmental fund financial statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements' governmental activities column, a reconciliation is presented on the page following each statement, which briefly explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile the fund based financial statements to the governmental activities column of the government-wide presentation.

The District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fund financial statements by type (pension). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third-party (pension participants) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Agency funds do not have a measurement focus, as they only report assets and liabilities; however, agency funds do use the accrual basis of accounting to recognize receivables and payables.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental, taxpayer, and interest revenue are all susceptible to accrual. EMS and impact fee revenues collected and held by Pinellas County, Florida at year end on behalf of the District also are recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. Plan and inspection fees are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

D. Basis of Presentation

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The *capital projects fund* accounts for revenues generated under the Public Safety Construction Fee Ordinance which are designated for acquisition and construction of capital improvements.

Additionally, the District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

*Pension fund* - accounts for the activities of the public safety employees' pension plans, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified (sworn) public safety employees.

Basis of accounting is the method by which revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and are reported in the financial statements. The accrual basis of accounting is used for the District's pension fund. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and collection is reasonably assured, and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. District contributions to the plan, as calculated by the Plan's actuary, are recognized as revenue when due and the District has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

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

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

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances

**Deposits and Investments**

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

The District's investment policy is to maintain funds in investments within the limitations established by Florida Statutes, Chapter 218.415(17). Provisions of those statutes authorize the District to invest in:

- a) The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, or any governmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, as provided in s.163.01.
- b) Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- c) Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in s.280.02.
- d) Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

Investments in fixed income securities are stated at fair value. Fair value is the amount at which an investment could be exchanged in a current transaction between market participants, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Investments held by the District's pension trust funds are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair values with the advice of professional investment advisors.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances (Continued)

**Deposits and Investments (Continued)**

The Plan invests in a variety of investment funds. Investments in general are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**Receivables and Payables**

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

All accounts and intergovernmental receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectable. Trade accounts receivable in excess of 180 days comprise the trade accounts receivable allowance for uncollectible.

Compensated Absences - It is the District’s policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation, holiday and sick pay benefits.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - As empowered by State Statute the District Board of Commissioners adopts an annual budget ordinance for the general fund to assist in planning and analyzing financial activity for the fiscal period. The amounts authorized by the annual budget ordinance for the period are reported in the budget column of the financial statement. Any revision that alters the total expenditures of the fund must be approved by the District commission. In instances where budget appropriations and estimated revenues have been revised during the year, budget data presented in these financial statements present the initial as well as the final authorized amounts.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the division level within the general fund. During the year, there were no supplementary appropriations.



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances (Continued)

Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions - The District is not in violation of any finance-related legal and contractual provisions.

Property Taxes - Property taxes represent the major source of operating revenue for the District and are recognized as revenue when they become measurable and available. The budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in September 2020. At that time, a millage rate of 3.75 per thousand of assessed valuation was approved. Taxes are assessed for the District on January 1 of each year by the Pinellas County Property Appraiser. Taxes are collected for the District by the Pinellas County Tax Collector and are payable from November of the current year through March of the following year. A 1% discount is offered for each month paid in advance beginning with November and ending with February. Taxes become delinquent after April 1 and attach as an enforceable lien on the property.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$3,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred, if any, during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

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

Buildings and improvements	10 - 50
Equipment	5 - 30

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances (Continued)

**Long-Term Obligations**

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group.

In the government-wide financial statements, capital lease obligations, capital improvement revenue debt and compensated absences and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement.

**Net Position**

Net position of the government-wide fund represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance on any borrowing spent for acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Commission or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other government.

**Nature and Purpose of Classifications of Fund Equity**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes either by

- a. constraints placed on the use of resources by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or
- b. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation are classified as restricted fund balances.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances (Continued)

Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the District Commission through a resolution are classified as committed fund balances. Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are not restricted nor committed are classified as assigned fund balances. Assignments are made by the District management based on Commission direction. Non-spendable fund balances include amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Unassigned fund balance represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the governmental funds.

**Minimum Fund Balance Policy**

It is the desire of the District to maintain adequate General Fund balance to maintain liquidity and in anticipation of economic downturns or natural disasters. The Commission has adopted a financial policy standard to maintain a General Fund minimum fund balance of 60 days of budgeted expenditures.

Fund balance created as a result of actual revenue and expenditure deviations from the budget will be used to achieve and maintain the District's minimum fund balance goals and to meet the next year's budget expenditure requirements.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources/Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities" establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflow of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities.

Deferred Outflows of Resources is a consumption of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

Deferred Inflows of Resources is an acquisition of net assets by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position or Fund Balances (Continued)

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, “Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position” provide financial reporting guidance for Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources and also identifies Net Position (replacing Net Assets) as the residual of all the elements (Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Deferred Inflow of Resources) presented in a statement of financial position.

In implementing GASB Statement No. 65, the District established the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

- A. Pension contributions after measurement date - These contributions are deferred and recognized in the following fiscal year.
- B. Difference in projected and actual earnings on pension assets - This difference is deferred and amortized over a closed five-year period.

**Net Position**

The government-wide and business-type fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is presented in three components - net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

**Fair Value Measurement and Application**

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 72, “Fair Value Measurement and Application” requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. Governments should organize these disclosures by type of asset or liability reported in certain entities that calculate net asset value per share (or its equivalent). This statement has been implemented in these financial statements.

**Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 8, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were officially available to be issued.

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**NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

*Deposits:*

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$6,115,951 and the bank balance was \$6,019,878. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance and, for the amount in excess of such federal depository insurance, by the State of Florida's Security for Public Deposits Act. Provisions of the Act require that public deposits may only be made at qualified public depositories. The Act requires each qualified public depository to deposit with the State Treasurer eligible collateral equal to or in excess of the required collateral as determined by the provisions of the Act. In the event of a failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of the securities pledged by the defaulting depository, are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default.

*Investments:*

As of September 30, 2021, the Pension Trust Fund had the following fixed income investments:

	<u>Bond Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Years)</u>
U.S. government obligations	AA	\$ 863,183	6.2
Mortgage-backed securities	A-AA	266,714	2.9
Corporate obligations	A-AA	1,223,648	5.7
Mutual funds - fixed income	A-AA	2,632,391	N/A
Temporary investment funds	N/A	<u>786,225</u>	Daily
Total investments		<u>\$ 5,772,161</u>	

*Interest Rate Risk:*

The District's investment policy sets limits to match investment maturities with known cash needs and anticipated cash flow requirements. Investments of current operating funds have same day liquidity. Investments of reserves, project funds, debt proceeds, and other non-operating funds have a term appropriate to the needs for funds and in accordance with debt covenants but shall not exceed ten (10) years.

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**NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Credit Risk:*

The District is authorized under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, and the District investment policy of the District, to invest and reinvest surplus public funds in its control or possession, in accordance with resolutions to be adopted from time-to-time, in:

- The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.
- Direct obligations of the United States Treasury.
- Federal agencies and instrumentalities.

**NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at September 30, 2021 are as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Accounts	\$ 136,429	\$ 4,132	\$ 140,561
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

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**NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at September 30, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts	\$ 136,429	\$ 4,132	\$ 140,561

**NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Under Florida law, the assessment of all properties and the collection of all county, municipal and school board and special district property taxes are consolidated in the offices of the County Property Appraiser and County Tax Collector.

The ad valorem tax levy (levy) of the District is established by the Board of Commissioners on or after February 1 of each year and the Pinellas County Property Appraiser incorporates the District's assessment into the total tax levy, which includes the Pinellas County District School Board tax requirements. The District is permitted by charter to levy taxes up to 3.75 mills of assessed valuation exclusive of taxes levied for the payment of bonds. The millage rate assessed by the District was 1.9650 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

All property is reassessed according to its fair market value January 1 of each year. Each assessment roll is submitted to the Executive Director of the State Department of Revenue for review to determine if the rolls meet all of the appropriate requirements of State statutes.

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**NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES (Continued)**

All taxes are due and payable on November 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1 following the year in which they are assessed. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in the month of November, 3% in the month of December, 2% in the month of January and 1% in the month of February. The taxes paid in March are without discount.

Delinquent taxes on real property bear interest at 18% per year. On or prior to June 1 following the tax year, certificates are sold for all delinquent taxes on property. After sale, tax certificates bear interest at 18% per year or at any lower rate bid by the buyer. Application for a tax deed on any unredeemed tax certificates may be made by the certificate holder after a period of two years.

Delinquent taxes on personal property bear interest at 18% per year until the tax is satisfied either by seizure and sale of the property or by the five-year statute of limitations.

Because of the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office efficient system for selling tax certificates and remitting the proceeds to the District, any delinquent or uncollected property taxes at year end are immaterial. The District's tax calendar is the same as that of the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners and is as follows:

Valuation Date:	January 1
Levy Date:	November 1
Due Date:	March 31, succeeding year
Lien Date:	April 1, succeeding year



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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 447,010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 447,010
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	5,267,383	-	-	5,267,383
Improvements	98,240	-	-	98,240
Equipment	3,629,341	107,888	141,728	3,595,501
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>8,994,964</u>	<u>107,888</u>	<u>141,728</u>	<u>8,961,124</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(1,329,441)	(87,789)	-	(1,417,230)
Improvements	(12,766)	(4,828)	-	(17,594)
Equipment	(2,076,804)	(310,470)	49,212	(2,338,062)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,419,011)</u>	<u>(403,087)</u>	<u>49,212</u>	<u>(3,772,886)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>5,575,953</u>	<u>(295,199)</u>	<u>190,940</u>	<u>5,188,238</u>
Governmental Activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,022,963</u>	<u>\$ (295,199)</u>	<u>\$ 190,940</u>	<u>\$ 5,635,248</u>

**NOTE 6 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

**Changes in Non-Current Liabilities**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt and other non-current liabilities of the District:

	Balance October 1, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance September 30, 2021	Due within one year
Compensated absences	\$ 431,233	\$ -	\$ 46,997	\$ 384,236	\$ 38,424
Other-Post Employment Benefits	421,839	-	6,801	415,038	-
Building capital lease	1,475,556	-	178,957	1,296,599	184,984
LED lighting lease	5,438	-	5,438	-	-
Net pension liability	3,420,896	-	1,121,659	2,299,237	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,754,962</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,359,852</u>	<u>\$ 4,395,110</u>	<u>\$ 223,408</u>

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**NOTE 6 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**Compensated Absences**

Compensated absence benefits are summarized as follows:

Vacation leave is earned based on years of continuous and credible service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Total Hours Per Year</u>
1 to 3	168
4 to 8	192
9 to 13	216
14 to 18	240
19 years and over	264

A maximum of 264 hours vacation leave may be carried over from one year to the next. An employee who has served one year or more and who terminates employment with the District is paid for any unused vacation leave accumulated to the time of termination.

Sick leave is earned in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Pay Period Hours</u>	<u>Annual Sick Leave Accrued Per Pay Period</u>	<u>Hours Per Year</u>
80	4.62 hours	120
112	5.54 hours	144

In addition to the regular annual accrual, employees are eligible to receive additional sick leave hours based on the following table:

<u>Sick Leave Used</u>	<u>Additional Sick Leave Hours Awarded</u>
24 hours or less	24
25 through 48 hours	12
More than 48 hours	None

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**NOTE 6 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)**

**Compensated Absences (Continued)**

Upon termination, providing the employee has five continuous years of service and that termination is not a result of a disciplinary action, the employee is entitled to a lump-sum payment for accrued unused sick leave based on the following vesting schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>% of Accumulated Sick Leave Awarded</u>
Less than 5	None
5 to less than 10	25%
10 to less than 15	50%
15 to less than 20	75%
20 years and over	100%

The maximum number of accumulated sick leave hours will be a total of 1,040 hours (for 40 hour/week) and 1,440 (for 56 hour/week) employees. All hours that exceed 1,040 and 1,440 hours will be directly allocated to each individual's Governmental Employee Pension Plan account.

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the general fund. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts.

Long-Term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position.

<u>Accrued Vacation</u>	<u>Accrued Sick Leave</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 46,074	\$ 338,162	\$ 384,236

Vested or accumulated annual sick and vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the general fund in the government-wide financial statements.

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**NOTE 7 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

Employees of the District may elect to participate in a deferred compensation plan which the Board adopted on September 16, 1992 under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Deferred Accounts are not available for withdrawal by the employee until termination, retirement, death or hardship.

Funds invested in the plan (U.S. Conference of Mayors Deferred Compensation Program) are managed by the independent third-party plan administrator Nationwide Retirement Systems, Inc. In its fiduciary role, the District has the obligation of due care in selecting the third-party administrator. Various investment options are available from which employees can choose to direct their funds.

Under the terms of IRS Section 457 IRC the deferred compensation and all investment income earned on such funds, are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the Plan Participants and their beneficiaries. Although District Board is the trustee of the Plan, the District has no administrative involvement, and performs no investing function for the Plan and has therefore not reported the Plan in this financial report.

**NOTE 8 - GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**

Fund balances are classified either as non-spendable or as spendable. Spendable fund balances are further classified in a hierarchy based on the extent to which there are external and internal constraints on the spending of these fund balances. These classifications are described as follows:

Non-spendable fund balances include amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Spendable fund balances are classified as follows depending on the District's ability to control the spending of these fund balances.

Restricted fund balances can only be used for specific purposes which are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balances can only be used for specific purposes imposed internally by the District's formal action of highest level of decision-making authority.

Assigned fund balances are fund balances intended to be used for specific purposes, but which do not meet the more formal criterion to be considered either restricted or committed.

Unassigned fund balances represent the residual positive fund balance within the General Fund, which has not been assigned to other funds and has not been restricted, committed, or assigned. In funds other than the General Fund, unassigned fund balances are limited to negative residual balances.

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**NOTE 9 - DISTRICT BOARD POLICY**

GASB 54 offers no quantitative “Best Practice” in implementing GASB 54. The Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA), however, recommends that “at a minimum, that general-purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain (an) unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures.”

The GFOA guidance uses “at a minimum” language, leaving entities the option of a more conservative policy. Given the current economic outlook, the lag in real estate value recovery and the tentativeness of continued EMS funding levels, it may be in the best interest of the District to have a more conservative policy.

Nonspendable and Restricted Funds are established for the entity by the funds’ nature or source funding.

Unrestricted Funds are established at the discretion of the Board as circumstances warrant, except that the total of the unrestricted funds is now subject to external measurement, comparison and scrutiny by the readers of the financial statements (our taxpayers).

**NOTE 10- BUDGETARY- GAAP REPORTING RECONCILIATION**

The accompanying financial statements present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a GAAP basis. Accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis did not differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for the year ended September 30, 2021.

**NOTE 11- CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the State of Florida. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The District has not entered into any operating leases with scheduled rent increases as of September 30, 2021.

On August 14, 2012, an agreement was entered into between Pinellas County, Florida and the District. The purpose of the contract was for the District to make a commitment to provide fire protection services to Brooker Creek Preserve for a term commencing on October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2015. This agreement may be extended for additional three-year periods on the same terms and conditions. The current extension is through 2021. The County agrees to pay the District \$12,000 per year for fire protection services.

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**NOTE 11- CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Continued)**

In 1997 a ten-year agreement to provide First Responder Services was entered into between Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority and the District. The term of this agreement was renewed for ten years commencing on October 1, 2007.

On September 26, 2017, a new agreement was entered into between Pinellas County, Florida and the District. The initial term of this agreement shall be for two years commencing on October 1, 2017 and ending on September 30, 2019. The agreement may be extended for three additional one-year periods following the initial term.

**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001, the District established a single employer, defined benefit pension plan under Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes (Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund) (Plan) which covers all of its firefighters. During the year ended September 30, 2002, the District's defined contribution plan which previously covered substantially all of the District's general employees and firefighters was terminated and the assets belonging to all sworn employees were rolled over to the new Chapter 175 plan. The assets belonging to the non-sworn employees remained in the defined contribution plan and were rolled over to a new plan custodian (trustee).

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the District implemented a final pay plan for all of its full-time employees.

Firefighters' Pension Plan

Plan Description:

The following brief description of the District's Firefighters' Retirement Plan (Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Ordinance for more complete information.

The Plan is a single employer defined benefit pension plan covering all full-time sworn firefighters' of the District. Participation in the Plan is required as a condition of employment. The Plan was originally established by District Resolution in 2001 and substantially amended in 2003, 2005 and 2009. The Plan provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The Plan is subject to provisions of Chapter 175 of the State of Florida Statutes.

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

The Plan, in accordance with the above statute, is governed by a five-member pension board. Two firefighters who are elected by the majority of the members of the Plan, two are current residents of the District and are appointed by the District and a fifth member elected by the other four members constitute the pension board. The District and the Plan participants are obligated to fund all Plan costs based upon actuarial valuations. The District is authorized to establish benefit levels and the Board of Trustees approves the actuarial assumptions used in the determination

Current membership in the Plan is comprised of all full-time sworn firefighters of the District and is summarized, as of September 30, 2021, as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	19
DROP Members	2
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	8
 Total	 29
 Active plan members:	
Vested	19
Nonvested	18
 Total	 37

Firefighters who retire at the age 55 and the completion of ten years of credited service or at age 52 and 25 years of credited service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 3.00 percent of their average final compensation times their years of credited service. The Plan permits early retirement at age 50 and the completion of ten years of credited service. The amount of the monthly benefit of an early retiree is reduced by three percent for each year by which the commencement of benefits precedes the date which would have been the participant's normal retirement date.

The Plan provides for an automatic COLA for normal retirees only that begins five years after retirement of 6.75% per year.

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

The Plan also provides death and disability benefits. The death benefit is the greater of the firefighter's accumulated contributions or his accrued benefit. Disability benefits payable to participants installments of three percent of the participant's average final compensation in effect at the date of disability multiplied by the total years of credited service. The benefit shall be paid from the date of disability until recovery or death of the participant and continued to the beneficiary for life. A participant with ten years of continuous service, who becomes disabled due to a nonservice-incurred cause, will receive benefits of three percent of the participant's average final compensation multiplied by the total years of credited service. This benefit shall be paid from the date of disability until recovery or death.

*Funding Policy:*

Firefighter contribution rates are established at 5% of salary. Accumulated firefighter contributions without interest are refunded if a firefighter leaves covered employment before seven years of credited service. State excise taxes collected from the District's residents by the State of Florida are restricted to fund the Plan under Florida Statutes, Chapters 175. Contributions are received from the District in amounts sufficient to fund the Plan at an actuarially determined rate specified by state statute, Chapter 175, as a percentage of covered payroll as recommended by the Plan's actuary. The Plan's administrative costs are financed through investment earnings. The Plan has no undue investment concentrations.



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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

*Benefits Provided:*

The Plan provides retirement, termination, disability and death benefits.

Normal Retirement:

Date: Earlier of age 52 and 25 years of credited service or 10 years of credited service.

Benefit: 3.0% of average final compensation times credited service

Cost of living adjustment: Firefighters who retire on or after October 1, 2009 under normal retirement will receive automatic annual increases in their benefit of 0.65% beginning on the October 1st following 5 years of retirement.

Early Retirement:

Eligibility: Age 50 and 10 years of credited service

Benefit: Accrued benefit, reduced 3% for each year prior to normal retirement.

Vesting:

Schedule: 100% after 7 years of credited service. (Contributions rolled over from the old Plan vest according to the old Plan's provisions.)

Disability:

Eligibility Service Incurred: covered from date of employment. Non-Service Incurred: 10 years of credited service.

Benefit accrued to date of disability, but if the disability is service incurred, the benefit is not less than 42% of Average Final Compensation and 25% of the average final compensation for non-service-incurred disability.

Pre-Retirement Death Benefits:

Vested: Monthly accrued benefit payable to designated beneficiary for 10 years at member's normal or early retirement date.

Non-Vested: Refund of accumulated contributions without interest.

*Contributions:*

Member Contributions:

5.0% of Salary

District and State Contributions:

Remaining amount required in order to fund to actuarial soundness as provided in Chapter 112 Florida Statutes.

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

*Net Pension Liability:*

The measurement date is September 30, 2021.

The measurement period for the pension expense was October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The reporting period is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The District's pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2021.

The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined as of that date.

*Actuarial Assumptions:*

The Total Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2020 updated to September 30, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Service based
Discount Rate	7.25%
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%

*Mortality Rate Healthy Active Lives:*

Female: RP2000 Generational, 100% Combined Healthy White Collar, Scale BB.

Male: RP2000 Generational, 10% Combined Healthy White Collar / 90% Annuitant Blue Collar, Scale BB.

*Mortality Rate Disabled Lives:*

Female: 60% RP2000 Disabled Female set forward two years/ 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

Male: 60% RP2000 Disabled Male setback four years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

The most recent actuarial experience study used to review the other significant assumptions was dated January 16, 2018.

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 expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

For 2021 the inflation rate assumption of the investment advisor was 2.50%.

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

*Actuarial Assumptions:*

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Pension Plan's asset allocation as of September 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	45%	7.5%
International equity	15%	8.5%
Domestic fixed income	25%	2.5%
Global fixed income	5%	3.5%
Real estate	10%	4.5%
	<u>100%</u>	

*Discount rate:*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent.

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

Schedule of District Contributions

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Annual Required Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
2015	\$ 493,309	100%
2016	441,496	100%
2017	432,442	100%
2018	530,757	100%
2019	543,960	100%
2020	692,579	100%
2021	700,319	100%

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

Investments at both fair value and cost as of September 30, 2021 are summarized as follows:

	Cost	Fair Value
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 843,249	\$ 863,183
Mortgage-backed securities	260,729	266,714
Corporate obligations	1,200,956	1,223,648
Mutual funds - fixed income	2,602,326	2,632,391
Equity securities	5,220,566	8,331,530
Mutual funds - equity securities	7,225,291	7,225,291
Real estate investment fund	538,704	1,853,324
Temporary investment funds	<u>786,225</u>	<u>786,225</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 18,678,046</u>	 <u>\$ 23,182,306</u>

The net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments in the Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2021 is summarized as follows:

Realized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ 311,780
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	<u>3,289,462</u>
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>\$ 3,601,242</u>

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

A schedule of investment and administrative expenses for the Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund for the year ended September 30, 2021 is summarized as follows:

	Investment Expenses	Administrative Expenses
Administrator	\$ -	\$ 19,200
Actuary's fees	-	24,137
Audit	-	14,000
Custodial fees	7,000	-
Directors' liability insurance	-	3,052
Due	-	620
Investment management fees	70,207	-
Legal fees	-	21,291
Seminars	-	3,231
Performance monitor	20,000	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total investment and administrative expenses	<u>\$ 97,207</u>	<u>\$ 85,531</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Percentage of plan net position	<u>2.51%</u>	<u>0.37%</u>

A portion of the plan's net position is designated for benefits that accrue in relation to the participant's DROP account. Allocations to the DROP plan account for the year ended September 30, 2021 is presented below as determined in the actuary's most recent accounting and valuation available for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021:

Designated fiduciary net position for	
DROP accounts (fully funded)	\$ 216,463
Share accounts (fully funded)	737,793
Total designated fiduciary net position	<u>954,256</u>
Undesignated fiduciary net position	<u>22,225,759</u>
	<u>          </u>
Total net fiduciary position	<u>\$ 23,180,015</u>

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**NOTE 12- EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Continued)**

Authorized Plan Investments - The Board recognizes that the obligations of the Plan are long-term, and that investment policy should be made with a view toward performance and return over a number of years. The general investment objective, then, is to obtain a reasonable total rate of return defined as interest and dividend income plus realized and unrealized capital gains or loss commensurate with the Prudent Investor Rule and Chapter 175 of the Florida Statutes.

Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, annuities and life insurance contracts, time deposits insured by FDIC, bonds issued by the State of Israel, real estate (limited to ten percent of Plan assets), and common or preferred stocks and high-quality corporate bonds or notes. The Board may invest up to ten percent of the Plan's assets, at cost, in foreign securities.

Investments in foreign securities are denominated in United States currency.

**NOTE 13- NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT**

The components of net pension liability of the District on September 30, 2021 were as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 25,479,252
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>23,180,015</u>
District's net pension liability	<u>\$ 2,299,237</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	<u>90.98%</u>

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate- The following presents the net pension liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) and 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
District's net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 5,314,154</u>	<u>\$ 2,299,237</u>	<u>\$ (234,874)</u>

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**NOTE 13- NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT (Continued)**

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.*

Detailed information about the pension Plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately issued Plan financial report.

The net pension liability represented the liability for employees for projected pension benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

*Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension Plan:*

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the District will recognize a pension expense of \$1,102,474. On September 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 567,633	\$ 345,160
Changes of assumptions	564,165	30,851
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Pension plan investments	<u>-</u>	<u>1,898,424</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,131,798</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,435</u>

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**NOTE 13- NET PENSION LIABILITY OF THE DISTRICT (Continued)**

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30	
2022	\$ (251,568)
2023	(273,346)
2024	(409,096)
2025	(316,649)
2026	108,022
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Net deferred outflows	<u>\$ (1,142,637)</u>

**NOTE 14 - INVESTMENTS MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE**

*Fair Value Hierarchy*

The accounting standards break down the fair value hierarchy into three levels based on how observable the inputs are that make up the valuation. The most observable inputs are classified as Level 1 where the unobservable inputs are classified as Level 3.

**Level 1** inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

As a general rule, any asset that has a daily closing price and is actively traded will be classified as a Level 1 input.

**Level 2** inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (1) quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.



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**NOTE 14 - INVESTMENTS MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

As a general rule, if an asset or liability does not fall into the requirements of a Level 1 or Level 3 input, it would default to Level 2. With Level 2 inputs, there is usually data that can be easily obtained to support the valuation, even though it is not as easily obtained as a Level 1 input would be.

**Level 3** inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

As a general rule, Level 3 inputs are those that are difficult to obtain on a regular basis and require verification from an outside party, such as an auditor or an appraisal, to validate the valuation.

Net asset value (NAV) is a common measurement of fair value for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 investments. A fund's NAV is simply its assets less its liabilities and is often reported as a per share amount for fair value measurement purposes. The Plan would multiply the NAV per share owned to arrive at fair value. Level 1 investment in funds such as mutual funds report at a daily NAV per share and are actively traded. NAV also comes into play for Level 2 and 3 investments. As a matter of convenience (or referred to in accounting literature as a "practical expedient"), a Plan can use the NAV per share for investments in a nongovernmental entity that does not have a readily determined fair value, such as an alternative investment. Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient would be excluded from the fair value hierarchy because the valuation is not based on actual market inputs but rather is quantified using the fund's reported NAV as a matter of convenience.

The Plan categorizes its fair value measurement within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The Plan has the following total recurring fair value measurements as of September 30, 2021 and 2020:

- *Debt securities* - Debt securities classified in Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used by International Data Pricing and Reference Data, LLC to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.
- *Mutual funds* - The rationale for inclusion in Level 1 or Level 2 points to the unobservable inputs involved in mutual fund pricing. Mutual funds do not trade using bid and ask, as with ETF's or common stock. Instead, the prices are determined by the net asset value of the underlying investments at the close of business for the next day's open. The underlying assets themselves may include a variety of Level 1 and Level 2 securities and some may be valued using matrix pricing which interpolates the price of a security based on the price of similar securities.

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**NOTE 14 - INVESTMENTS MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

- *Fixed income funds* - Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable input for similar securities. This includes basing value on yield currently available on comparable securities of issues with similar credit ratings.
- *Equity funds* - Valued at market prices for similar assets in active markets.
- *Common stock* - Valued at quoted market prices for identical assets in active markets.

Investment by fair value level	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Total
U.S. Government Obligations	\$ 863,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 863,183
U.S. Government agency obligations	-	266,714	-	266,714
Corporate obligations	-	1,223,648	-	1,223,648
Domestic fixed income investment funds	2,632,391	-	-	2,632,391
Domestic stocks	8,010,283	-	-	8,010,283
Domestic equity investment funds	7,225,291	-	-	7,225,291
International equity investment funds	321,247	-	-	321,247
Temporary investments	786,225	-	-	786,225
<b>Total investments by fair value level</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,838,620</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,490,362</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b>21,328,982</b>
Investment measured at the net asset value				
Real estate investment funds				<u>1,853,324</u>
<b>Total investments measured at fair value</b>				<b><u>\$ 23,182,306</u></b>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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**NOTE 14 - INVESTMENTS MEASUREMENT AT FAIR VALUE (Continued)**

*Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)*

<u>Investments measured at NAV</u>	<u>2021 Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitment</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Real estate investment funds:				
U.S. Real Estate Investment Funds, LLC	\$ <u>1,853,324</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>60 days</u>
Total Investments measured at NAV	\$ <u><u>1,853,324</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>		

The real estate investment funds are open end, commingled private real estate portfolios. These REIT-based funds are structured as Limited partnerships. Their primary focus is to invest in well-based income producing properties within major U.S. markets. The fair values of the investments in these funds have been determined using the NAV per unit of the Trusts ownership interest in partners' capital. The investments of the fund are valued quarterly. Withdrawal requests must be made 60 days in advance and may be paid in one or more installments.

**NOTE 15 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The District maintains a deferred compensation plan under the provisions of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. This law stipulated that all assets and income of the plan must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the Plan participants and their beneficiaries. The District's plan is administered by an independent custodian and provides the plan participants with the option to invest in multiple registered investment funds (mutual funds). Although the District is the Trustee of the plan, the District has no administrative involvement and performs no investing function for the plan and has not therefore reported the plan in this financial report.

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**NOTE 16 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, requires governments to account for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) on an accrual basis, rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. The effect is the recognition of an actuarially determined expenses when a future retiree earns their post-employment benefits, rather than when they use their post-employment benefits. The total OPEB liability is recorded at the fund level for proprietary activities and the allocated amount for governmental activities is presented at the government-wide level. The annual OPEB cost is included in the line item of personal services for proprietary fund statements and is allocated by function for governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements.

Plan Description

Employees who retire from the District (District), and eligible dependents and survivors, are eligible to continue to participate in the District’s health insurance programs at the “blended” employee group rate which is determined annually by the District and approved by the District Board. Retirees have 31 days to elect to enroll in the District’s health insurance plan in which they were participating at the time of retirement unless otherwise stated in a plan document or collective bargaining agreement.

The District provides no funding for any portion of the premiums after retirement. However, the District recognizes that there is an “implicit subsidy” arising as a result of the blended rate premium since retiree health care costs, on average, are higher than active employee healthcare costs. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund as an irrevocable trust has not been established to fund the plan. The plan does not issue a separate financial report.

At September 30, 2021, plan membership consisted of the following:

Active participants	42
Retirees, beneficiaries, and disabled members	2
Covered spouses	1
Total	45

Benefits Provided

Retirees may participate in the group insurance plans offered by the District, but they are required to contribute 100% of the active premiums.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 16 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The District's annual other post-employment benefits (OPEB) cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 75. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years.

Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:	October 1, 2019
Measurement Date:	September 30, 2021
Fiscal Year End:	September 30, 2021
Actuarial Value of Assets:	Market Value
Mortality Rate:	
General Employees	PubG-2010 Mortality Table projected to the valuation date using MP-2019.
Fire Employees	PubS-2010 Mortality Table projected to the valuation date using MP-2019.
Discount Rate:	2.43%. Based on the September 30, 2021 S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices.
Retirement Rates:	100% at age 58.
Inflation:	2.50% per year.
Salary Increase Rate:	2.50% per year.
Marital Status:	100% assumed married, with male spouses 3 years older than female spouses.
Health Care Participation:	20% participation assumed, with 50% electing spouse coverage.
Health Care Inflation:	Initial rate of 7.50% in fiscal 2020, 7.00% in fiscal 2021, then 7.50% in fiscal 2020 grading down to the ultimate trend rate of 4.00% in fiscal 2075.
Termination Rates:	Selected rates for various ages.
Disability Rates:	None assumed.
GASB 75 Measurement Method:	Alternative Measurement Method, as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 75 for plans with fewer than 100 covered members.
Funding Method:	Entry Age Cost Method (Level % of Pay).

***Funding Policy***

The District will pay benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

***OPEB Expense:***

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$11,748.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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**NOTE 16 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

*Changes in the Total OPEB Liability*

	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability
Balances as of October 1, 2020	\$ 421,839	\$ -	\$ 421,839
Change for the year:			
Service cost	18,955	-	18,955
Interest cost	9,253	-	9,253
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(18,110)	-	(18,110)
Trust contribution - Employer		16,899	(16,899)
Benefit payments	(16,899)	(16,899)	-
Balances as of September 30, 2021	<u>\$ 415,038</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 415,038</u>

*Sensitivity Analysis*

The following table represents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% point lower (1.43%) or 1% point higher (3.43%) than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease 1.43%	Current Discount Rate 2.43%	1% Increase 3.43%
District's total OPEB Liability	\$ 482,211	\$ 415,038	\$ 359,913

The following table represents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% point lower (3.00%- 6.50%) or 1% point higher (5.00 to 8.50%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (3.00% decreasing to 6.50%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (4.00% decreasing to 7.50%)	1% Increase (5.00% decreasing to 8.50%)
District's total OPEB Liability	\$ 349,083	\$ 415,038	\$ 497,131

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

**NOTE 16 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

*Changes of Assumption:*

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period.

Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021	2.43%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020	2.14%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019	3.58%
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018	4.18%

Also reflected as assumption changes are updated mortality rates, updated health care costs and premiums, and updated health care cost trend rates.

**Benefit Payments:**

The plan sponsor did not provide actual net benefits paid by the Plan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Expected net benefit payments produced by the valuation model for the same period are shown in the table above.

**NOTE 17 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

A prior period adjustment has been recorded in the statement of activities totaling \$35,757 to record capital asset additions of \$55,011 and related accumulated depreciation of \$19,254 from the District's prior year supplies inventory.

A prior period adjustment has been recorded in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the General Fund totaling \$156,839 to remove the District's supplies inventory which is included in capital assets.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR SINGLE EMPLOYER FIREFIGHTERS' 175  
DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN UNDER GASB 68**



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**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET POSITION LIABILITY**  
**LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS \***

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Total pension liability</b>			
Service cost	\$ 574,571	\$ 505,700	\$ 482,716
Interest	1,773,981	1,673,790	1,542,348
Share plan allocation	70,797	77,415	64,985
Changes of benefit terms	622,472	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	251,804	(289,626)	567,429
Changes of assumptions	676,999	(29,008)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,224,198)	(1,124,470)	(810,354)
Net change in total pension liability	<u>2,746,426</u>	<u>813,801</u>	<u>1,847,124</u>
Total pension liability- beginning	<u>22,732,826</u>	<u>21,919,025</u>	<u>20,071,901</u>
Total pension liability- ending (a)	<u><u>\$ 25,479,252</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,732,826</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,919,025</u></u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>			
Contributions - employer	\$ 700,319	\$ 692,579	\$ 543,960
Contributions - State	329,447	336,065	322,935
Contributions - employees	143,887	149,705	132,954
Contributions - Buy Back	27,736	-	-
Net investment income	3,976,424	1,589,724	625,327
Benefit payments including refunds of employee contributions	(1,224,198)	(1,124,470)	(810,354)
Administrative expenses	(85,530)	(103,690)	(71,170)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u>3,868,085</u>	<u>1,539,913</u>	<u>743,652</u>
Plan fiduciary net position- beginning	<u>19,311,930</u>	<u>17,772,017</u>	<u>17,028,365</u>
Plan fiduciary net position- ending (b)	<u><u>\$ 23,180,015</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,311,930</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,772,017</u></u>
Net pension liability (asset) (a) - (b)	<u><u>\$ 2,299,237</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,420,896</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,147,008</u></u>

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$ 444,274	\$ 414,454	\$ 364,858	\$ 415,680	\$ 415,328
1,503,163	1,408,929	1,155,747	1,402,170	1,129,406
54,928	60,495	90,131	92,921	75,780
-	-	-	-	-
(322,667)	179,050	(184,104)	-	-
-	-	366,068	-	-
(1,263,945)	(563,374)	(756,851)	(389,913)	(356,601)
415,753	1,499,554	1,035,849	1,520,858	1,263,913
19,656,148	18,156,594	17,120,745	15,599,887	14,335,974
<u>\$ 20,071,901</u>	<u>\$ 19,656,148</u>	<u>\$ 18,156,594</u>	<u>\$ 17,120,745</u>	<u>\$ 15,599,887</u>
\$ 530,757	\$ 432,442	\$ 441,496	\$ 493,309	\$ 559,573
312,442	305,281	322,211	323,273	331,165
148,225	118,477	109,694	110,647	110,778
-	-	-	-	-
1,257,387	2,031,412	850,250	6,289	1,230,931
(1,263,945)	(563,374)	(756,851)	(389,913)	(356,601)
(69,555)	(61,161)	(57,306)	(55,639)	(49,057)
915,311	2,263,077	909,494	487,966	1,826,789
16,113,054	13,849,977	12,940,483	12,452,515	10,624,726
<u>\$ 17,028,365</u>	<u>\$ 16,113,054</u>	<u>\$ 13,849,977</u>	<u>\$ 12,940,481</u>	<u>\$ 12,451,515</u>
<u>\$ 3,043,536</u>	<u>\$ 3,543,094</u>	<u>\$ 4,306,617</u>	<u>\$ 4,180,264</u>	<u>\$ 3,148,372</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF RATIOS  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS \***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	Covered Payroll	Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	79.82%	\$ 2,219,711	144.42%
2015	75.36%	3,154,865	129.99%
2016	75.29%	2,193,886	196.30%
2017	81.97%	2,369,463	149.53%
2018	84.85%	2,568,494	118.49%
2019	81.10%	2,659,084	155.96%
2020	84.96%	2,790,648	122.58%
2021	90.98%	2,766,982	83.10%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS \***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	Actual Contribution **	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 816,854	\$ 816,854	\$ -	\$ 2,219,711	36.80%
2015	672,745	672,745	-	3,154,865	21.32%
2016	649,390	649,390	-	2,193,886	29.60%
2017	732,164	732,164	-	2,369,463	30.90%
2018	81,164	811,644	(730,480)	2,568,494	31.60%
2019	818,998	818,998	-	2,659,084	30.80%
2020	904,170	901,253	2,917	2,790,648	32.30%
2021	830,095	958,969	(128,874)	2,766,982	34.66%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

\*\* Actual contribution obtained from the District's actuarial valuation report.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

***Firefighters Pension Plan***

Net Pension Liability:

The measurement date is September 30, 2021.

The measurement period for the pension expense was October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The reporting period is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The District's pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2020.

The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined as of that date.

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The Total Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2019 updated to September 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Service based
Discount Rate	7.25%
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%

***Mortality Rate Healthy Active Lives***

Female: RP2000 Generational, 100% Combined Healthy White Collar, Scale BB.

Male: RP2000 Generational, 10% Combined Healthy White Collar / 90% Annuitant Blue Collar, Scale BB.

***Mortality Rate Disabled Lives:***

Female: 60% RP2000 Disabled Female set forward two years/ 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback,

Male: 60% RP2000 Disabled Male setback four years / 40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no

The most recent actuarial experience study used to review the other significant assumptions was dated

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 expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

For 2020 the inflation rate assumption of the investment advisor was 2.50%

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE INVESTMENT RETURNS  
LAST EIGHT YEARS \***

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return Net of Investment Expense
2014	11.42%
2015	0.03%
2016	7.05%
2017	14.63%
2018	8.01%
2019	3.71%
2020	8.72%
2021	20.71%

\* Information prior to fiscal year 2014 was not readily available.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
**UNDER GASB 75**



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT  
BENEFITS (OPEB) LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS  
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	\$ 18,955	18,598	17,480	18,733
Interest	9,253	16,105	16,335	14,536
Differences between expected and actual experience		9,608		
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(18,110)	(33,296)	31,871	(27,844)
Experienced gains				
Benefit payments	<u>(16,899)</u>	<u>(21,467)</u>	<u>(13,251)</u>	<u>(12,213)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(6,801)	(10,452)	52,435	(6,788)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	421,839	432,291	379,853	386,641
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 415,038</u>	<u>\$ 421,839</u>	<u>\$ 432,288</u>	<u>\$ 379,853</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 3,212,201	\$ 3,133,854	\$ 3,083,362	\$ 3,008,158
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.92%	13.46%	14.02%	12.63%

NOTE: Information is presented for those years in which information is available.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Actuarially determined contributions (ADC)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Contributions in relation to ADC				
Contribution deficiency/excess	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 3,212,201</u>	<u>\$ 3,133,854</u>	<u>\$ 3,083,362</u>	<u>\$ 3,008,158</u>
Covered as % of covered employee payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.92%	13.46%	14.02%	12.63%

Notes to Schedule:

*Covered Payroll:*

Covered payroll is projected to the measurement dates based on actual covered payroll as the valuation date using applicable salary increase assumptions.

#### **IV. STATISTICAL SECTION**

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Governmental activities:										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 4,338,649	\$ 4,541,969	\$ 4,611,347	\$ 4,627,134	\$ 4,687,177	\$ 4,763,388	\$ 4,793,602	\$ 5,074,071	\$ 3,379,340	\$ 3,414,191
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>1,674,236</u>	<u>171,407</u>	<u>(618,098)</u>	<u>(1,398,332)</u>	<u>(1,725,733)</u>	<u>(1,937,493)</u>	<u>(1,650,317)</u>	<u>1,086,041</u>	<u>1,112,568</u>	<u>1,367,149</u>
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 6,012,885</u>	<u>\$ 4,713,376</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,249</u>	<u>\$ 3,228,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,961,444</u>	<u>\$ 2,825,895</u>	<u>\$ 3,143,285</u>	<u>\$ 6,160,112</u>	<u>\$ 4,491,908</u>	<u>\$ 4,781,340</u>
Primary government:										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 4,338,649	\$ 4,541,969	\$ 4,611,347	\$ 4,627,134	\$ 4,687,177	\$ 4,763,388	\$ 4,793,602	\$ 5,074,071	\$ 3,379,340	\$ 3,414,191
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>1,674,236</u>	<u>171,407</u>	<u>(618,098)</u>	<u>(1,398,332)</u>	<u>(1,725,733)</u>	<u>(1,937,493)</u>	<u>(1,650,317)</u>	<u>1,086,041</u>	<u>1,112,568</u>	<u>1,367,149</u>
	<u>\$ 6,012,885</u>	<u>\$ 4,713,376</u>	<u>\$ 3,993,249</u>	<u>\$ 3,228,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,961,444</u>	<u>\$ 2,825,895</u>	<u>\$ 3,143,285</u>	<u>\$ 6,160,112</u>	<u>\$ 4,491,908</u>	<u>\$ 4,781,340</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
EXPENSES:										
Governmental Activities:										
Public safety - EMS	\$ 1,789,821	\$ 1,773,216	\$ 1,831,433	\$ 1,671,057	\$ 1,589,919	\$ 1,675,320	\$ 1,677,788	\$ 1,628,431	\$ 1,430,036	\$ 1,368,160
Public safety - fire protection	<u>5,585,690</u>	<u>5,316,673</u>	<u>5,187,117</u>	<u>4,939,293</u>	<u>5,055,176</u>	<u>5,055,815</u>	<u>4,610,842</u>	<u>4,115,460</u>	<u>3,903,432</u>	<u>3,930,940</u>
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>7,375,511</u>	<u>7,089,889</u>	<u>7,018,550</u>	<u>6,610,350</u>	<u>6,645,095</u>	<u>6,731,135</u>	<u>6,288,630</u>	<u>5,743,891</u>	<u>5,333,468</u>	<u>5,299,100</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services	\$ 1,925,571	\$ 1,873,585	\$ 1,768,389	\$ 1,624,126	\$ 1,655,425	\$ 1,484,759	\$ 1,462,803	\$ 1,397,987	\$ 1,348,632	\$ 1,246,616
Grant revenue	<u>784,533</u>	<u>32,720</u>	<u>42,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>2,710,104</u>	<u>1,906,305</u>	<u>1,811,218</u>	<u>1,624,126</u>	<u>1,660,925</u>	<u>1,484,759</u>	<u>1,462,803</u>	<u>1,397,987</u>	<u>1,348,632</u>	<u>1,246,616</u>
NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE	<u>(4,665,407)</u>	<u>(5,183,584)</u>	<u>(5,207,332)</u>	<u>(4,986,224)</u>	<u>(4,984,170)</u>	<u>(5,246,376)</u>	<u>(4,825,827)</u>	<u>(4,345,904)</u>	<u>(3,984,836)</u>	<u>(4,052,484)</u>
Governmental Activities:										
Taxes:										
Property taxes	5,955,655	5,726,468	5,483,378	5,255,109	5,027,839	4,821,911	4,644,316	4,418,722	3,630,186	3,430,161
Infrastructure sales tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,495,977	-	-
Investment earnings	15,654	29,528	57,610	21,170	9,100	8,155	7,281	4,590	4,948	6,673
Gain on sale of capital asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,403	-	-	31,013
Miscellaneous	<u>114,689</u>	<u>147,715</u>	<u>430,791</u>	<u>142,124</u>	<u>82,780</u>	<u>98,920</u>	<u>291,614</u>	<u>94,819</u>	<u>60,270</u>	<u>65,014</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>6,085,998</u>	<u>5,903,711</u>	<u>5,971,779</u>	<u>5,418,403</u>	<u>5,119,719</u>	<u>4,928,986</u>	<u>5,014,614</u>	<u>6,014,108</u>	<u>3,695,404</u>	<u>3,532,861</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>\$ 1,420,591</u>	<u>\$ 720,127</u>	<u>\$ 764,447</u>	<u>\$ 432,179</u>	<u>\$ 135,549</u>	<u>\$ (317,390)</u>	<u>\$ 188,787</u>	<u>\$ 1,668,204</u>	<u>\$ (289,432)</u>	<u>\$ (519,623)</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
EXPENSES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

FUNCTION/PROGRAM	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Governmental activities:										
Public safety	\$ 7,331,319	\$ 7,037,992	\$ 6,958,229	\$ 6,543,394	\$ 6,573,500	\$ 6,649,840	\$ 6,211,023	\$ 5,662,062	\$ 5,184,180	\$ 5,104,521
Interest on long- term debt	<u>44,192</u>	<u>51,897</u>	<u>60,321</u>	<u>66,956</u>	<u>71,595</u>	<u>81,295</u>	<u>77,607</u>	<u>81,829</u>	<u>149,288</u>	<u>194,579</u>
Total general governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,375,511</u>	<u>\$ 7,089,889</u>	<u>\$ 7,018,550</u>	<u>\$ 6,610,350</u>	<u>\$ 6,645,095</u>	<u>\$ 6,731,135</u>	<u>\$ 6,288,630</u>	<u>\$ 5,743,891</u>	<u>\$ 5,333,468</u>	<u>\$ 5,299,100</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
 FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
 (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Governmental funds										
Nonspendable	\$ 3,145	\$ 160,897	\$ 158,121	\$ 153,797	\$ 164,048	\$ 183,028	\$ 182,408	\$ 173,136	\$ 173,432	\$ 285,523
Restricted	414,615	371,086	428,963	415,002	416,143	638,322	515,435	352,000	223,348	219,348
Committed	3,325,525	2,705,600	2,106,000	1,139,000	908,500	757,000	525,100	155,000	715,000	715,000
Assigned	950,000	850,000	600,000	850,000	850,000	650,000	950,000	925,000	560,000	560,000
Unassigned	<u>1,243,752</u>	<u>173,905</u>	<u>547,352</u>	<u>309,511</u>	<u>141,064</u>	<u>47,958</u>	<u>121,871</u>	<u>204,982</u>	<u>83,451</u>	<u>193,526</u>
Total governmental funds	<u>\$ 5,937,037</u>	<u>\$ 4,261,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,840,436</u>	<u>\$ 2,867,310</u>	<u>\$ 2,479,755</u>	<u>\$ 2,276,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,294,814</u>	<u>\$ 1,810,118</u>	<u>\$ 1,755,231</u>	<u>\$ 1,973,397</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>REVENUES</b>										
Taxes	\$ 5,955,655	\$ 5,726,468	\$ 5,483,378	\$ 5,255,109	\$ 5,027,839	\$ 4,821,911	\$ 4,644,316	\$ 4,418,722	\$ 3,630,186	\$ 3,430,161
Charges for services	1,842,473	1,803,395	1,755,115	1,624,126	1,655,425	1,484,759	1,462,803	1,397,987	1,348,632	1,246,616
Impact fees	43,705	70,190	13,274	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure sales tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,495,977	-	-
Grant revenue	784,533	32,720	42,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest earnings	15,654	29,528	57,610	21,170	9,100	8,155	7,281	4,590	4,948	6,673
Miscellaneous	166,598	147,715	430,791	142,124	88,280	98,920	110,463	100,316	60,270	65,014
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>8,808,618</b>	<b>7,810,016</b>	<b>7,782,997</b>	<b>7,042,529</b>	<b>6,780,644</b>	<b>6,413,745</b>	<b>6,224,863</b>	<b>7,417,592</b>	<b>5,044,036</b>	<b>4,748,464</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>										
Public safety	6,928,576	6,886,140	6,384,285	6,338,801	6,372,573	5,909,229	5,694,169	5,321,042	4,890,826	4,727,029
Capital outlay	52,877	99,432	139,138	42,999	153,359	64,709	143,196	1,814,904	144,617	47,991
Debt service										
Principal	183,816	204,389	203,024	203,024	176,463	177,018	146,702	141,922	136,677	81,333
Interest	47,800	55,438	70,150	70,150	74,802	81,295	80,057	84,837	90,082	149,426
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,213,069</b>	<b>7,245,399</b>	<b>6,796,597</b>	<b>6,654,974</b>	<b>6,777,197</b>	<b>6,232,251</b>	<b>6,064,124</b>	<b>7,362,705</b>	<b>5,262,202</b>	<b>5,005,779</b>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,595,549	564,617	986,400	387,555	3,447	181,494	160,739	54,887	(218,166)	(257,315)
Other Financing Sources:										
Sale of fixed assets	80,000	-	-	-	-	-	323,957	-	-	92,500
Repayment of debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,703,493)
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,703,493
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>323,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,500</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,675,549</b>	<b>\$ 564,617</b>	<b>\$ 986,400</b>	<b>\$ 387,555</b>	<b>\$ 3,447</b>	<b>\$ 181,494</b>	<b>\$ 484,696</b>	<b>\$ 54,887</b>	<b>\$ (218,166)</b>	<b>\$ (164,815)</b>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	3.2%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%	4.0%	4.3%	4.6%



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

Fiscal Year	Property Tax
2012	\$ 3,430,161
2013	3,630,186
2014	4,418,722
2015	4,644,316
2016	4,821,911
2017	5,027,839
2018	5,255,109
2019	5,483,378
2020	5,726,468
2021	5,955,655
Change 2012-2021	73.6%

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Public Safety		Capital Outlay		Debt Service		Total
	Fire	EMS	Fire	EMS	Principal	Interest	
2012	\$ 3,404,168	\$ 1,322,861	\$ 47,991	\$ -	\$ 81,333	\$ 149,426	\$ 5,005,779
2013	3,495,819	1,395,007	144,617	-	136,677	90,082	5,262,202
2014	3,738,117	1,582,925	1,814,904	-	141,922	84,837	7,362,705
2015	4,086,989	1,607,180	143,196	-	146,702	80,057	6,064,124
2016	4,343,809	1,565,420	64,709	-	177,018	81,295	6,232,251
2017	4,812,342	1,560,231	153,359	-	176,463	74,802	6,777,197
2018	4,688,393	1,650,408	42,999	-	202,433	70,741	6,654,974
2019	4,622,998	1,759,534	140,891	-	210,056	63,118	6,796,597
2020	5,109,166	1,776,974	99,432	-	204,389	55,438	7,245,399
2021	5,184,815	1,743,761	52,877	-	183,816	47,800	7,213,069

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND REVENUES BY SOURCE  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Ad Valorem Taxes	EMS Contract	Brooker Creek Contract	Infrastructure Sales Tax	Proceeds Surplus Property	Grants	Interest	Miscellaneous	Total
2012	\$ 3,430,161	\$ 1,238,616	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,673	\$ 65,014	\$ 4,748,464
2013	3,630,186	1,336,632	12,000	-	-	-	4,948	60,270	5,044,036
2014	4,418,722	1,385,987	12,000	1,495,977	-	-	4,590	100,316	7,417,592
2015	4,644,316	1,450,803	12,000	-	323,957	-	7,281	110,463	6,548,820
2016	4,821,911	1,472,759	12,000	-	-	-	8,155	98,920	6,413,745
2017	5,027,839	1,643,425	12,000	-	-	-	9,100	88,280	6,780,644
2018	5,255,109	1,612,126	12,000	-	-	-	21,170	142,124	7,042,529
2019	5,483,378	1,743,115	12,000	-	-	42,829	57,610	430,791	7,769,723
2020	5,726,468	1,791,395	12,000	-	-	32,750	29,528	147,709	7,739,820
2021	5,955,655	1,842,473	12,000	-	-	784,533	15,480	234,598	8,844,739

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
 ASSESSED VALUE AND ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year Ended September 30	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Other Property	Less: Tax-Exempt Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate (Millage)
2012	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	\$ 2,353,655,228	1.5110
2013	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,257,688,728	1.7000
2014	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,309,396,869	1.9800
2015	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,428,333,319	1.9800
2016	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,544,693,647	1.9650
2017	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,653,947,049	1.9650
2018	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,772,992,857	1.9650
2019	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	2,892,764,556	1.9650
2020	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	3,020,306,399	1.9650
2021	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	3,143,329,809	1.9650

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
PROPERTY TAX RATES -  
DIRECT AND ALL OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS (PER \$1,000)  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District: Operating	1.965	1.965	1.9650	1.9650	1.9650	1.9650	1.9800	1.9800	1.7000	1.5110
Pinellas County School Board: Operating	6.427	6.584	6.7270	7.0090	7.3180	7.7700	7.8410	8.0600	8.3020	8.3850
Pinellas County: Operating	5.2755	5.2755	5.2755	5.2755	5.2755	5.3377	5.3377	5.3377	5.0727	4.8730
Countywide millage set by other taxing authorities:										
- Pinellas County MSTU	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857	2.0857
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.7305	0.7305	0.7305	0.7305	0.7305
- Pinellas County Library	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.4437	0.4437
- EMS	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.9158	0.8506
- Other Districts	<u>1.2635</u>	<u>1.2767</u>	<u>1.5421</u>	<u>1.3097</u>	<u>1.307</u>	<u>1.2629</u>	<u>1.2629</u>	<u>1.2959</u>	<u>1.3034</u>	<u>1.2390</u>
Total Countywide millage	<u>17.2175</u>	<u>17.3877</u>	<u>17.5461</u>	<u>17.8457</u>	<u>18.1520</u>	<u>18.6026</u>	<u>18.4236</u>	<u>18.6756</u>	<u>18.8538</u>	<u>18.6075</u>
TOTAL	<u>19.1825</u>	<u>19.3527</u>	<u>19.5111</u>	<u>19.8107</u>	<u>20.1170</u>	<u>20.5676</u>	<u>20.4036</u>	<u>20.6556</u>	<u>20.5538</u>	<u>20.1185</u>

Source: Pinellas County Tax Collector

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
FIRE TAXABLE VALUATIONS, MILLAGE TAXES LEVIED  
AND COLLECTED  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Taxable valuation	\$ 3,143,329,809	\$ 3,020,306,399	\$ 2,892,764,556	\$ 2,772,992,587	\$ 2,653,947,049	\$ 2,544,693,647	\$ 2,428,333,319	\$ 2,309,396,869	\$ 2,257,686,728	\$ 2,353,655,228
Millage	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9650</u>	<u>1.9800</u>	<u>1.9800</u>	<u>1.7000</u>	<u>1.5110</u>
Total taxes levied	\$ 6,176,643	\$ 5,934,902	\$ 5,684,282	\$ 5,448,930	\$ 5,215,006	\$ 5,000,323	\$ 4,808,100	\$ 4,572,606	\$ 3,838,067	\$ 3,556,373
Less Adjustments and discounts	<u>220,988</u>	<u>208,434</u>	<u>200,904</u>	<u>193,821</u>	<u>187,167</u>	<u>178,412</u>	<u>163,784</u>	<u>385,403</u>	<u>207,881</u>	<u>126,212</u>
Net taxes levied	<u>\$ 5,955,655</u>	<u>\$ 5,726,468</u>	<u>\$ 5,483,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,255,109</u>	<u>\$ 5,027,839</u>	<u>\$ 4,821,911</u>	<u>\$ 4,644,316</u>	<u>\$ 4,572,606</u>	<u>\$ 3,630,186</u>	<u>\$ 3,430,161</u>
Net collected	<u>\$ 5,955,655</u>	<u>\$ 5,726,468</u>	<u>\$ 5,483,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,255,109</u>	<u>\$ 5,027,839</u>	<u>\$ 4,821,911</u>	<u>\$ 4,644,316</u>	<u>\$ 4,418,722</u>	<u>\$ 3,630,186</u>	<u>\$ 3,430,161</u>
Percent	<u>96%</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>97%</u>	<u>97%</u>	<u>95%</u>	<u>96%</u>

Source: Pinellas County Appraiser.

<sup>(1)</sup> Florida Statutes provide for a discount up to four percent for early payment of ad valorem taxes. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1, and are sold at auction on June 1 of each year as tax certificates. The District after all tax certificate are sold, has fully collected all ad valorem taxes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net collected includes penalties or late payments.

<sup>(3)</sup> Florida Statutes provide for a three percent maximum increase in annual property values.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year September 30	Total Assessed Valuation	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Levy	Collections within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Collections to Date	
				Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of levy
2010	\$ 4,170,261,520	\$ 2,997,543,400	\$ 3,736,563	\$ 3,619,022	97%	\$ 1,320	\$ 3,620,342	97%
2011	4,169,569,878	2,688,174,158	3,544,768	3,438,425	97%	1,120	3,437,305	97%
2012	3,083,579,687	2,353,655,228	3,556,373	3,427,789	96%	2,372	3,430,161	97%
2013	2,894,986,075	2,257,310,310	3,838,068	3,625,538	94%	4,648	3,630,186	95%
2014	2,950,301,574	2,309,396,869	4,572,606	4,418,722	97%	-	4,418,722	97%
2015	3,067,134,459	2,428,333,319	4,804,126	4,644,316	97%	-	4,644,316	97%
2016	3,190,893,064	2,544,693,647	5,000,325	4,821,911	96%	-	4,821,911	96%
2017	3,308,685,272	2,653,947,049	5,215,008	5,027,839	96%	-	5,027,839	96%
2018	3,447,834,900	2,772,992,587	5,448,933	5,255,109	96%	-	5,255,109	96%
2019	3,585,608,593	2,892,764,556	5,684,282	5,483,378	96%	-	5,483,378	96%
2020	3,735,307,853	3,020,306,399	5,934,902	5,726,468	96%	-	5,726,468	96%
2021	3,880,995,966	3,143,329,809	6,176,643	5,955,655	96%	-	5,955,655	96%

(1) Florida Statutes provide for a discount of up to four percent for early payment of ad valorem taxes. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1, and are sold at auction on June 1 of each year as tax certificates. The District, after all tax certificates are sold, has fully collected all ad valorem tax revenues.

Source: Pinellas County Property Appraiser.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
EMS TAXES LEVIED AND CONTRACT COLLECTIONS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Valuation (in thousands)</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Less Collection Fees, Collection Discounts and County Reallocation</u>	<u>EMS Contract Collections</u>
2010	\$ 2,997,543	0.5832	\$ 1,748,167	\$ 427,970	\$ 1,320,197
2011	2,688,174	0.5832	1,567,743	353,800	1,213,943
2012	2,353,655	0.8506	2,002,019	763,403	1,238,616
2013	2,257,868	0.9158	2,067,756	731,124	1,336,632
2014	2,309,396	0.9158	2,114,945	728,958	1,385,987
2015	2,428,333	0.9158	2,223,867	773,064	1,450,803
2016	2,544,694	0.9158	2,330,430	872,180	1,458,251
2017	2,653,947	0.9158	2,430,485	787,060	1,643,425
2018	2,772,993	0.9158	2,539,507	927,381	1,612,126
2019	2,892,765	0.9158	2,649,194	906,079	1,743,115
2020	3,020,306	0.9158	2,765,996	974,602	1,791,395
2021	3,143,329	0.9158	2,878,661	1,036,188	1,842,473



**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities			Total Primary Government	District Population	Per Capita
	Building Capital Lease	Equipment Capital Leases	Vehicle Capital Leases			
2009	\$ 2,899,174	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,899,174	34,053	\$ 85.14
2010	2,862,053	-	-	2,862,053	34,053	84.04
2011	2,784,825	-	-	2,784,825	34,053	81.78
2012	2,703,493	-	-	2,703,493	34,053	78.36
2013	2,613,410	-	-	2,613,410	30,962	84.41
2014	2,433,291	-	-	2,433,291	33,800	71.99
2015	2,286,589	-	-	2,286,589	30,962	73.85
2016	2,134,946	79,123	-	2,214,069	30,962	71.51
2017	1,978,197	120,266	-	2,098,463	30,962	67.78
2018	1,816,168	79,271	-	1,895,439	30,962	61.22
2019	1,648,682	36,701	-	1,685,383	30,962	54.43
2020	1,475,556	5,348	-	1,480,904	30,962	47.83
2021	1,296,599	-	-	1,296,599	30,962	41.88

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Legal Debt Margin Calculation:														
Total budgeted revenues of the District for the fiscal year ended September 30	\$ 7,969,588	\$ 7,587,363	\$ 7,747,631	\$ 7,042,529	\$ 6,580,625	\$ 6,219,492	\$ 6,378,258	\$ 5,753,627	\$ 4,987,709	\$ 4,748,464	\$ 4,841,260	\$ 4,763,788	\$ 5,259,009	\$ 5,761,486
Limitation on debt service	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Maximum annual debt service allowable	<u>\$ 3,984,794</u>	<u>\$ 3,793,682</u>	<u>\$ 3,873,816</u>	<u>\$ 3,521,265</u>	<u>\$ 3,290,313</u>	<u>\$ 3,109,746</u>	<u>\$ 3,189,129</u>	<u>\$ 2,876,814</u>	<u>\$ 2,493,855</u>	<u>\$ 2,374,232</u>	<u>\$ 2,420,630</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,894</u>	<u>\$ 2,629,505</u>	<u>\$ 2,621,862</u>
Total current year's principal and interest payments on the District's outstanding debt:														
Building capital lease	\$ 231,616	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 230,759	\$ 226,759	\$ 113,379	\$ 340,138	\$ 113,379
Vehicle capital leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,197
Equipment capital lease	-	33,068	46,415	46,414	24,506	24,506	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total principal and interest payments, fiscal year ended September 30	<u>\$ 231,616</u>	<u>\$ 259,827</u>	<u>\$ 273,174</u>	<u>\$ 273,173</u>	<u>\$ 251,265</u>	<u>\$ 251,265</u>	<u>\$ 226,759</u>	<u>\$ 226,759</u>	<u>\$ 226,759</u>	<u>\$ 230,759</u>	<u>\$ 226,759</u>	<u>\$ 113,379</u>	<u>\$ 340,138</u>	<u>\$ 243,576</u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT GENERAL OBLIGATION  
BONDS AND REVENUE BONDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable to District	Amount Applicable to District
Direct debt:			
District			
Capital Leases	\$ 1,296,599	100%	\$ 1,296,599
Subtotal District direct debt	1,296,599	100%	1,296,599

RATIO:

Overall debt to 2021 taxable value	0.09%
Overall debt per capita, 34,053 residents	<u>\$ 38</u>

(1) The District's share is calculated based on the ratio of the 2021 School Board Taxable Value of \$94,362,862,643 to the District's Taxable Value of \$3,143,329,809.

(2) The District's share is calculated based on the ratio of the 2021 County Taxable Value of \$86,640,767,956 to the District's Taxable Value of \$3,143,329,809.

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Public Safety:											
Fire											
Number of Fire calls	490	529	545	459	788	657	583	501	533	799	574
Number of EMS calls	3,484	3,111	3,243	3,758	2,677	2,661	2,434	2,427	2,217	1,924	2,136
District population	34,053	30,962	30,962	30,962	30,962	30,962	30,962	33,800	30,962	30,962	34,053

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL ASSETS STATISTICS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Public Safety:											
Fire											
Fire Stations	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Fire Engines	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	4	4	4
Brush Truck	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water Truck	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE  
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Type of Coverage</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Limit of Liability</u>	<u>Premiums</u>
VFIS-TR-2058406-09	Commercial Property	10/1/2020 10/1/2021	Public-Risk Insurance	Replacement	\$ 16,180
	General Liability			3,000,000	16,209
	Equipment			Replacement	5,002
	Employee			250,000	6,884
	Crime				333
	Auto			1,000,000	21,100
CU 5054193-03	Umbrella			10,000,000	<u>8,480</u>
	Subtotal				<u>74,188</u>
W150156059	Public Official Bond J. Gennaro, Chief	06/11/2021 06/11/2025	Old Republic Surety	5,000	355
W150272634	Public Official Bond James Dalrymple	11/15/2020 11/15/2024	Old Republic Surety		355
W150272637	Public Official Bond Kevin Kenney	11/15/2020 11/15/2024	Old Republic Surety		355
W150391811	Public Official Bond Maryellen Crowder	11/15/2020 11/15/2024	Old Republic Surety		355
OPO2128402	Public Official Bond Randy Burr	11/15/2020 11/15/2022	Old Republic Surety		185
W150210835	Public Official Bond Thomas McQueen	11/14/2018 11/14/2022	Old Republic Surety		355
LSM0861554	Notary Bond	3/13/2020 3/13/2024	RLI Insurance Company		34
WC FL 10524302 17-17	Worker's Compensation	10/1/2020 10/1/2021	Benchmark Insurance Group	Statutory	137,478
001108734	Storage tank	10/1/2020 10/1/2021	Commerce and Industry		555
	TOTAL PREMIUMS				<u><u>\$ 214,215</u></u>

**EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT  
 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT  
 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>FUNCTION</u>	Full-time Equivalent Employees as of September 30										
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Public Safety:											
Fire:											
- Firefighters	39	39	38	38	38	36	36	36	36	35	35
- EMS Professionals	39	39	38	38	38	36	36	36	36	35	35
- Administrative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1.75	1.75	2

#### **IV. COMPLIANCE SECTION**



**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 Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

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, each major fund, the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control (the District) basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 8, 2022.

**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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion 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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Tampa, Florida  
August 8, 2022

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## MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District (the District) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated August 8, 2022.

### Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

### Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our 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*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in Accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated August 8, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

### Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made on internal control and compliance issues during the preceding annual financial audit.

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### **Official Title and Legal Authority**

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This disclosure has been included in the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

### **Financial Condition and Management**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5. a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the District has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5. c. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the District. It is management's responsibility to monitor the District's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by the same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such communications.

### **Independent Special District**

As required by Section 218.39(3)( c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, Rules of the Auditor General, and the District reported:

- a. The total number of District employees compensated in the last pay period of the District's fiscal year as 42.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the District's fiscal year as 0.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$3,826,485.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- e. There was no construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that was scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported.
- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the District amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as \$756,869.

Board of Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

**Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

**Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Tampa, Florida  
August 8, 2022

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 218.415, FLORIDA STATUTES**

Board of Commissioners  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor, Florida

We have examined the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District's compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2021. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test bases, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2021.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Saltmarsh Cleaveland & Gund*

Tampa, Florida  
August 8, 2022