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Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District

Financial Statements, Required Supplementary
Information and Other Reports

December 31, 2023

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's annual financial report presents an analysis of the District's financial performance for the year ending December 31, 2023. This information is presented in conjunction with the audited basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year

- The District's net position increased \$404,395 over the year from \$5,233,116 to \$5,637,511.
- The District's total unrestricted cash and investments decreased \$34,740 over the past year from \$4,535,961 to \$4,501,221.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The annual report consists of the management's discussion and analysis and the basic financial statements. The financial statements include notes, which explain in detail some of the information included in the basic financial statements.

Required Financial Statements

The financial statements of the District report information utilizing the full accrual basis of accounting. The financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The balance sheet includes information on the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to District creditors (liabilities). The statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position identifies the District's revenues and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. This statement provides information on the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has recovered all of its costs through user fees and other charges. The third financial statement is the statement of cash flows. This statement provides information on the District's cash receipts, cash payments, and changes in cash resulting from operations, investments, and financing activities. From the statement of cash flows, the reader can obtain information on the source and use of cash and the change in the cash balance from the previous report.

Financial Analysis of the District

The balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position provide an indication of the District's financial condition. The District's net position reflects the difference between assets and liabilities. An increase in net position over time typically indicates an improvement in financial condition. A summary of the District's balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position are presented below.

Condensed Balance Sheets

	December 31, <u>2023</u>	December 31, <u>2022</u>
Current and Restricted Assets	\$ 4,993,618	\$ 5,007,187
Capital Assets, Net	1,231,410	735,115
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>63,918</u>	<u>58,104</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 6,288,946</u>	<u>\$ 5,800,406</u>

Current Liabilities	\$ 452,543	\$ 381,936
Long-Term Liabilities	196,407	177,987
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,485</u>	<u>7,367</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>651,435</u>	<u>567,290</u>
Net Position Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,231,410	735,115
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>4,406,101</u>	<u>4,498,001</u>
Total Net Position	<u>5,637,511</u>	<u>5,233,116</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	<u>\$ 6,288,946</u>	<u>\$ 5,800,406</u>

As the above table indicates, total assets have increased \$488,540 or 8% over the past year from \$5,800,406 to \$6,288,946. This increase is primarily due to an increase in capital assets.

The total liabilities have increased \$84,145 or 15% over the year from \$567,290 to \$651,435. This increase is primarily from an increase with the net pension liability.

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Operating Revenues		
Landfill – Royalty Income	\$ 636,237	\$ 581,149
Other Revenue	<u>150,276</u>	<u>158,548</u>
Total Operating Revenues	786,513	739,697
Investment Return	<u>161,934</u>	<u>(15,733)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>948,447</u>	<u>723,964</u>
Operating Expenses		
Personnel	261,643	201,350
Operations	262,800	223,693
Depreciation	<u>19,609</u>	<u>15,854</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>544,052</u>	<u>440,897</u>
Changes in Net Position	404,395	283,067
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>5,233,116</u>	<u>4,950,049</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 5,637,511</u>	<u>\$ 5,233,116</u>

The statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position identify the various revenue and expense items which affect the change in net position. As the table above indicates, the change in net position increased over the past year.

The District's operating revenue increased \$46,816 or 6% over the past year from \$739,697 to \$786,513. The increase is due to an increase in the landfill-royalty income during the year.

The District's operating expenses increased \$103,155 or 23% over the past year from \$440,897 to \$544,052. The increase is due to an increase in professional fees and wages and salaries.

Analysis of Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

A summary of the District's capital assets and long-term debt balances are below:

	Capital Assets	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Non-Depreciable Assets		
Land	\$ 271,103	\$ 271,103
Depreciable Assets		
Buildings & Improvements	449,348	449,348
Equipment	137,825	79,811
Vehicles	37,228	37,228
Construction in Process	457,890	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(121,984)</u>	<u>(102,375)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,231,410</u>	<u>\$ 735,115</u>

The majority of the capital assets remaining are used in operations.

The only long-term debt of the District is the net pension liability. In a prior year, the District implemented GASB 68. With this implementation, the District now records its proportionate share of the net pension liability, deferred inflows and outflows of the pension plan administered by APERS, a multi-employer defined benefit plan in which the District participates. The net pension liability increased \$18,420 or 10% over the past year from \$177,987 to \$196,407.



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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Saline County Regional Solid
Waste Management District
Benton, Arkansas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position and cash flows for the year then ended and related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 3 and pension schedules on pages 17 and 18 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

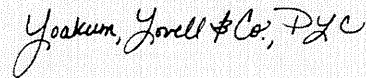
Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Expenditures – Comparison of Actual to Budget but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the basic financial statements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

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If,

based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 8, 2024, on our consideration of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 effectiveness of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's 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 Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Certified Public Accountants

Benton, Arkansas
July 8, 2024

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 3,147,654
Investments	1,353,567
Accrued Interest Receivable	12,647
Accounts Receivable - Other	85,719
Total Current Assets	4,599,587
Restricted Funds	394,031
Capital Assets, Net	1,231,410
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Pension Outflows	63,918
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 6,288,946

Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 53,370
Accrued Wages and Leave	5,142
Grant Advances	394,031
Total Current Liabilities	452,543
Long-Term Liabilities	
Net Pension Liability	196,407
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred Pension Inflows	2,485
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	1,231,410
Unrestricted	4,406,101
Total Net Position	5,637,511
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	\$ 6,288,946

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

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Operating Revenues	
Landfill - Royalty Income	\$ 636,237
Recycling Revenue	1,276
Grant Revenue	99,831
Coupon Program	37,950
Other Income	11,219
Total Operating Revenues	<u>786,513</u>
Operating Expenses	
Advertising	6,584
Depreciation	19,609
Employee Benefits	24,357
E-Waste	7,395
Fuel and Oil	3,612
Household Hazard Waste Program	8,570
Insurance	5,692
Office Expense	14,405
Other Expenses	1,983
Payroll Taxes	14,358
Pension Expense	33,725
Professional Fees	83,392
Property Taxes	6,028
Recycling Grant Expense	106,326
Repairs and Maintenance	1,750
Travel, Conferences, & Meals	12,167
Utilities	4,896
Wages and Salaries	189,203
Total Operating Expenses	<u>544,052</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>242,461</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Investment Return	165,284
Loss on Sale of Investment	(3,350)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>161,934</u>
Change in Net Position	404,395
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>5,233,116</u>
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 5,637,511</u>

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

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 690,034
Cash Received from Grants	125,963
Cash Paid for Employees	(252,405)
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(219,839)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>343,753</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Purchases of Capital Assets	(515,904)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(515,904)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest Received	63,907
Transfer from Investments	533,083
Change in Restricted Funds	(26,132)
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>570,858</u>
Net Increase in Cash	398,707
Cash at Beginning of Year	<u>2,748,947</u>
Cash at End of Year	<u>\$ 3,147,654</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$ 242,461
Items Not Requiring (Providing) Cash:	
Depreciation Expense	19,609
Net Change in Pension Liability	7,724
(Increase) Decrease In:	
Accounts Receivable - Other	3,352
Increase (Decrease) In:	
Accounts Payable	42,961
Accrued Liabilities	1,514
Grant Advances	26,132
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 343,753</u>

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

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District (the District) is organized for the protection of the public health and the state's environmental quality through the development and maintenance of a solid waste plan for the people of Saline County. Operating income includes revenues and expenses related to the continuing operations of the District, including recycling. Principal operating revenues are royalties from the landfill and revenues from recycling. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

The District was created under Act 752 of the 78th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas. The Board of Directors is composed of the Saline County judge and the mayors of the cities of Benton, Bryant, Alexander, Shannon Hills, and Haskell, Arkansas, or their appointed representative.

- A. **Basis of Presentation** – The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations).
- B. **Basis of Accounting** – The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.
- C. **Cash and Investments** – Cash consists of all cash on hand, deposited in the bank, or in certificates of deposit. The District carries investments in marketable securities at their fair value on the balance sheet (see Note 3). The changes in unrealized gains and losses are included in investment return on the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and change in net position.
- D. **Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions** – All cash deposited with banks is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. If the cash deposits exceed the \$250,000 federal deposit insurance limit, the financial institution has pledged government securities with a third-party custodian to cover the excess over the \$250,000 limit.
- E. **Capital Assets** – Capital assets are recorded at cost. Any donated capital assets are recorded at fair value on the date of the gift. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method based upon the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows, except for land, which is a non-depreciable capital asset:

Buildings	10-40 Years
Vehicles	5 Years
Equipment	3-15 Years

Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. It is the District's policy for additions, renewals, and betterments with a cost of at least \$1,000 and a useful life of three years or longer to be capitalized.

- F. **Grant Advances** – Funds received for the recycling grant are deferred and recognized over the period to which the recycling expenses are incurred.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

- G. **Net Position** – Under GASB 34, the District must report its net position as restricted, unrestricted, or invested in capital assets, net of related debt. As of December 31, 2023, the net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt was \$1,231,410. The remaining net position is reported as unrestricted.
- H. **Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2: Restricted Funds

These are grant funds received from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality that have been restricted for the payment of e-waste & recycling expenses. The funds are held in a cash account and at December 31, 2023, had a balance of \$394,031.

Note 3: Investments

The District's investments consisted of government bonds and financial institution certificate of deposits, whose average time to maturity is 3 years. The investment policy of the District is to invest in publicly-traded fixed income securities and cash equivalents. A maximum of 25% of the portfolio may be invested in corporate bonds or commercial paper. All of the investments were insured up to their fair value. The following schedule summarizes the cost and fair value of these investments at December 31, 2023:

Cost	\$ 1,461,078
Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	<u>(107,511)</u>
Fair Value	<u>\$ 1,353,567</u>

The following schedule summarizes investment return for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Interest Income	\$ 106,722
Loss on Sale of Investment	(3,350)
Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	<u>58,562</u>
Investment Return	<u>\$ 161,934</u>

Note 4: Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets at December 31, 2023:

	12/31/22	Increases	Decreases	12/31/23
Land	\$ 271,103	\$	\$	\$ 271,103
Buildings & Improvements	449,348			449,348
Equipment	79,811	58,014		137,825
Vehicles	37,228			37,228
Construction in Process		<u>457,890</u>		<u>457,890</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>837,490</u>	<u>\$ 515,904</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,353,394</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>102,375</u>			<u>121,984</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 735,115</u>			<u>\$ 1,231,410</u>

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 5: Grant Advances

The following is a summary of the change in deferred grant revenue (as discussed in Note 1) for the year ending December 31, 2023:

E-Waste and recycling grants from ADEQ:

Balance at Beginning of Period	\$ 367,899
Funds Received	125,964
Funds Disbursed	<u>(99,832)</u>
Balance at End of Period	<u>\$ 394,031</u>

Note 6: Retirement Plan

Plan Description

The following brief description of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24 for more complete information.

APERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit plan which covers all State employees who are not covered by another authorized plan. The plan was established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly with the passage of Act 177 of 1957. The costs of administering the plan are paid out of investment earnings. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the System is vested in the nine members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (the Board). Membership includes three state and three non-state employees, all appointed by the Governor, and three ex-officio trustees, including the Auditor of the State, the Treasurer of the State and the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapters 5 and 6 and may only be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Members who began service prior to July 1, 2022 retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 3 year average compensation times the member's years of service. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2022 retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 5 year average compensation times the member's years of service. The percentage used is based upon whether a member is contributory or non-contributory as follows:

Contributory, prior to 7/1/2005	2.07%
Contributory, on or after 7/1/2005, but prior to 7/1/2007	2.03%
Contributory on or after 7/1/2007	2.00%
Non-Contributory	1.72%

Members are eligible to retire with a full benefit under the following conditions:

- at age 65 with 5 years of service,
- at any age with 28 years actual service,
- at age 60 with 20 years of actual service if under the old contributory plan (prior to July 1, 2005),
- or at age 55 with 35 years of credited service for elected or public safety officials.

Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service at age 55 or at any age with 25 years of service.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 6: Retirement Plan (cont'd)

Members are eligible for disability benefits with 5 years of service. Disability benefits are computed as an age and service benefit, based on service and pay at disability. Death benefits are paid to a surviving spouse as if the member had 5 years of service and the monthly benefit is computed as if the member had retired and elected the Joint & 75% Survivor option. A cost-of living adjustment of 3% of the current benefit is added each year.

Contributions

Contribution requirements are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4. The contributions are expected to be sufficient to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year and make a level payment that, if paid annually over a reasonable period of future years, will fully cover the unfunded costs of benefit commitments for services previously rendered (A.C.A. 24-2-701)(a)). Members who began service prior to July 1, 2005 are not required to make contributions to APERS. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2005 and before July 1, 2022 are required to contribute 5% of their salary. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2022 are required to contribute from 5% to 7%, in 0.25% increments, of their salary. Employers are required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of APERS based on an actuary's determination of a rate required to fund the plan (A.C.A. 24-2-701(c)(3)). Employers contributed 15.32% of compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

APERS Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about APERS's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued APERS Financial Report available at <http://www.apers.org/annualreports>.

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

The collective Net Pension Liability of \$2,914,186,544 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Each employer's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on the employer's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating employers.

At December 31, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as of June 30, 2023, related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 11,087	\$ (1,079)
Changes of assumptions	9,234	
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	24,446	
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and share of contributions	4,327	(1,406)
Contributions subsequent to measurement date	<u>14,824</u>	
	<u>\$ 63,918</u>	<u>\$ (2,485)</u>

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 6: Retirement Plan (cont'd)

Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be reversed in fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and will not be amortized in the schedule below. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in the District's financial statements as follows:

Years ended December 31:	
2024	\$ 12,551
2025	5,372
2026	30,335
2027	(1,649)
2028	\$ -

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level of Percent of Payroll, Closed (Level Dollar, Closed for District Judges New Plan and Paid Off Old Plan and District Judges Still Paying Old Plan)
Remaining Amortization Period	23 years (6.6 years for District Judges New Plan/Paid Off Old Plan and 15 Years for District Judges Still Paying Old Plan)
Asset Valuation Method	4-year smoothed market; 25% corridor (Market Value for Still Paying Old Plan)
Inflation	3.25% wage inflation, 2.5% price inflation
Salary Increases:	3.25% to 9.85% including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.15%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.
Mortality Table	Based on the RP-2006 Healthy Annuitant benefit weighted generational mortality tables for males and females. Mortality rates are multiplied by 135% for males and 125% for females and are adjusted for fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2017.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 6: Retirement Plan (cont'd)

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 are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the current asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in APERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the table below:

Asset Class	Current Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Broad Domestic Equity	37%	6.19%
International Equity	24%	6.77%
Real Assets	16%	3.34%
Absolute Return	5%	3.36%
Domestic Fixed	18%	1.79%
Total	100%	
Total Real Rate of Return		4.94%
Plus: Price Inflation - Actuary Assumption		2.50%
Less: Investment Expenses (Passive)		0.00%
Net Expected Return		7.44%

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position 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.

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

The following presents the proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

Sensitivity of Discount Rate

1% Lower 6.00%	Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Higher 8.00%
\$ 313,055	\$ 196,407	\$ 100,300

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Note 7: Subsequent Event

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 8, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate
Share of the Net Pension Liability
December 31, 2023

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 196,407	\$ 177,987	\$ 51,694	\$ 182,354	\$ 166,686	\$ 146,321	\$ 271,727	\$ 288,642	\$ 201,862
District's Covered - Employee Payroll	\$ 189,203	\$ 150,686	\$ 144,298	\$ 136,196	\$ 139,486	\$ 133,825	\$ 30,979	\$ 228,768	\$ 202,821
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as Percentage of Covered-Employee	103.81%	118.12%	35.82%	133.89%	119.50%	109.34%	877.13%	165.80%	99.53%
Plan's Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	77.94%	78.31%	93.57%	75.38%	78.55%	79.59%	75.65%	75.50%	80.39%

Note: Prior to December 31, 2017, the fiscal year for the District was September 30, which is reflected in the schedule above. The column for December 31, 2017 represents the three months ending December 31, 2017.

Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District
Schedule of Contributions
December 31, 2023

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 22,885	\$ 21,138	\$ 20,569	\$ 19,035	\$ 20,469	\$ 17,864	\$ 23,849	\$ 33,171	\$ 29,806
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(22,885)	(21,138)	(20,569)	(19,035)	(20,469)	(17,864)	(23,849)	(33,171)	(29,806)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 189,203	\$ 150,686	\$ 144,298	\$ 136,196	\$ 139,486	\$ 133,825	\$ 163,893	\$ 228,768	\$ 202,821
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	12.10%	14.03%	14.25%	13.98%	14.67%	13.35%	14.55%	14.50%	14.70%

Note: Prior to December 31, 2017, the fiscal year for the District was September 30, which is reflected in the schedule above. The column for December 31, 2017 represents the three months ending December 31, 2017.

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Schedule of Expenditures - Comparison of Actual to Budget
December 31, 2023

2023 OPERATIONS DETAIL REPORT

DISTRICT OPERATIONS	YTD	%	Budget	%	(O)/U
OVERHEAD					
APERS	\$ 35,137.85	3.95%	\$ 36,771.00	8.06%	\$ 1,633.15
INSURANCE	\$ 36,688.12	4.13%	\$ 31,383.00	6.88%	\$ (5,305.12)
RENT	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
SALARY/WAGES	\$ 134,321.97	15.11%	\$ 130,060.00	28.51%	\$ (4,261.97)
TAXES	\$ 56,437.24	6.35%	\$ 56,908.00	12.48%	\$ 470.76
UTILITIES	\$ 4,895.94	0.55%	\$ 7,500.00	1.64%	\$ 2,604.06
EXPENSE					
CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING	\$ 4,999.68	0.56%	\$ 6,500.00	1.43%	\$ 1,500.32
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	\$ 604.27	0.07%	\$ 2,500.00	0.55%	\$ 1,895.73
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 14,410.30	1.62%	\$ 12,000.00	2.63%	\$ (2,410.30)
PROFESSIONAL DUES	\$ 1,466.95	0.17%	\$ 6,000.00	1.32%	\$ 4,533.05
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 83,391.89	9.38%	\$ 33,000.00	7.23%	\$ (50,391.89)
TRAVEL	\$ 4,047.50	0.46%	\$ 7,500.00	1.64%	\$ 3,452.50
VEHICLE EXPENSE	\$ 5,486.18	0.62%	\$ 3,500.00	0.77%	\$ (1,986.18)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MILEAGE	\$ 1,031.32	0.12%	\$ 2,000.00	0.44%	\$ 968.68
OFFICE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 472,854.09	53.21%	\$ -	0.00%	\$ (472,854.09)
OPERATIONS					
ADVERTISING	\$ 6,584.00	0.74%	\$ 10,000.00	2.19%	\$ 3,416.00
EDUCATION	\$ 3,575.00	0.40%	\$ 10,000.00	2.19%	\$ 6,425.00
HHW	\$ 8,570.37	0.96%	\$ 20,500.00	4.49%	\$ 11,929.63
RECYCLE EXPENSE	\$ 14,219.50	1.60%	\$ 50,000.00	10.96%	\$ 35,780.50
WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 30,000.00	6.58%	\$ 30,000.00
DISTRICT OPERATION TOTAL	\$ 888,722.17	100.00%	\$ 456,122.00	100.00%	\$ (432,600.17)



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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Directors
Saline County Regional Solid
Waste Management District
Benton, Arkansas

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 Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District (an independent governmental unit), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and change in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 8, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management 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.

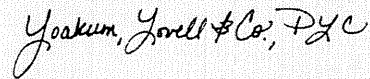
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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.



Certified Public Accountants

Benton, Arkansas
July 8, 2024