

GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2008**

Graton Fire Department 2008



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GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors
Graton Fire Protection District
Graton, CA

Auditor-Controller's Report

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Graton Fire Protection District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note IV.D of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, the Auditor-Controller is mandated by various statutes within the California Government Code to perform certain accounting, auditing and financial reporting functions. These activities, in themselves, necessarily impair the auditor's independence. However, we believe adequate safeguards and divisions of responsibility exist.

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, of the impairment to auditor independence, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Government Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries to management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

April 23, 2009

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Graton Fire Protection District (the District) we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$2,917,189 (net assets). Of this amount, \$1,085,443 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The District's total net assets increased by \$382,552. This increase is a result of revenues exceeding expenses in the governmental activities.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,087,573 an increase of \$235,994 in comparison with the prior year. This increase is a result of revenues exceeding expenditures in the governmental fund. The entire fund balance is available for spending at the government's discretion (unreserved fund balance).
- At the end of the year, unreserved fund balance was \$1,087,573 or 189% of the total general fund expenditures of \$576,594.
- The Districts' capital assets increased by \$102,131 during the current fiscal year.
- The District's long-term debt decreased by \$44,427 during the current fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic 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, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets 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 government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets 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., uncollected intergovernmental revenue and long-term leases).

Fund financial statements. 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 are governmental funds.

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 government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District uses governmental funds to account for its activities, which include fire protection services in the district boundaries. The district adopts an annual appropriated budget for its funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Notes to the basic 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.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The District applied Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 in this report.

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,917,189 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

\$1,831,746 of the District's net assets (63%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, and equipment), net of related debt. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Net Assets

	2008	2007
Current and other assets	\$ 1,159,730	\$ 911,450
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,925,250	1,823,119
Total assets	3,084,980	2,734,569
Current liabilities	120,246	106,428
Non-current liabilities	47,545	93,504
Total liabilities	167,791	199,932
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,831,746	1,685,188
Unrestricted	1,085,443	849,449
Total net assets	\$ 2,917,189	\$ 2,534,637

The balance of unrestricted net assets \$1,085,443 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and vendors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets. The same held true for the prior fiscal year.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the District's net assets by \$382,552. This increase is a result of revenues exceeding expenses in the governmental activities.

For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007 the District reported Investment and other income of \$142,138 under General Revenues. Included within this amount was \$99,637 from the State Water Resources Control Board for reimbursement of environmental cleanup expenses. The District reports costs related to environmental cleanup under Program Expenses. Beginning Fiscal year 2007/2008 the District is reporting reimbursements from the State as Operating grants and contributions under Program Revenues, to better match Program Revenues and Program Expenses.

Changes in Net Assets

	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 38,051	\$ 4,230
Operating grants and contributions	130,335	
Capital grants and contributions	64,958	38,025
General Revenues:		
Property taxes	535,951	503,093
Investment income and other	43,293	142,138
Total revenues	812,588	687,486
Expenses:		
Program Expenses:		
Public safety - fire protection	430,036	408,506
Total expenses	430,036	408,506
Change in net assets	382,552	278,980
Net assets - beginning of year	2,534,637	2,255,657
Net assets - end of the year	\$ 2,917,189	\$ 2,534,637

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related 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, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$1,087,573, an increase of \$235,994 in comparison with the prior year. This increase is primarily a result of an increase in property tax revenues and incurring lower than expected expenditures for capital outlay and service and supplies. The entire fund balance amount

constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There were no differences between the original budget and the final budget.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets, as of June 30, 2008, amounts to \$1,925,250 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, and equipment. The District's investment in capital assets increased by a total of \$102,131 for the current fiscal.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Equipment acquired with Office of Traffic Safety grant proceeds \$56,261
- Design, planning and permits for the new fire station \$91,078
- Depreciation of the capital assets \$45,208.

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

Debt Administration. At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total long-term obligations outstanding of \$93,504. During the current fiscal year, the District's total debt decreased by \$44,427. Additional information on the District's debt can be found in Notes III.C and D of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The District will continue to move forward with an architect and related sub-contractors to design the new fire station at 3750 Gravenstein Highway North.
- The District will apply for design review, use permit, and possibly building permit during FY08-09.
- Operational funds that have not been spent in prior years will be moved to a separate account with the County that is dedicated to building the new fire station.
- The cleanup of the former gas station site will continue and expected to cost \$100,000 next year, which the state will reimburse through a clean-up fund.
- Revenue and expenses will remain stable during FY08-09, a property tax decrease of two percent is anticipated during FY08-09, but strike team revenue will make up for this difference.

- Vehicle maintenance costs will increase as the fleet continues to age; the District does not plan to replace any existing apparatus.

During the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance in the general fund increased to \$1,087,573. The District did not appropriate any of this amount for spending in the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the District, P.O. Box A, Graton, California 95444.

GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2008

Assets

Cash and investments	\$	1,009,729
Due from other governments		150,001
Capital assets		
Land		1,367,295
Construction in progress		91,078
Building and improvements (net of accumulated depreciation)		3,172
Equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)		463,705
		3,084,980
Total assets		3,084,980

Liabilities

Accounts payable		72,157
Accrued interest payable		2,130
Capital leases payable - Due within one year		45,959
Non-current liabilities:		
Capital leases payable - Due in more than one year		47,545
		47,545
Total liabilities		167,791

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		1,831,746
Unrestricted		1,085,443
		1,085,443
Total net assets	\$	2,917,189

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Program Expenses

Public safety - fire prevention	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 77,255
Services and supplies	302,814
Debt service - interest	4,759
Depreciation	<u>45,208</u>
Total program expenses	<u>430,036</u>

Program Revenues

Charges for services	38,051
Operating grants and contributions	130,335
Capital grants and contributions	<u>64,958</u>
Total program revenues	<u>233,344</u>
Net program revenues (expenses)	<u>(196,692)</u>

General Revenues

Property taxes	535,951
Investment earnings	34,900
Miscellaneous	<u>8,393</u>
Total general revenues	<u>579,244</u>
Change in net assets	<u>382,552</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>2,534,637</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,917,189</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
June 30, 2008

Assets

Cash and investments	\$	1,009,729
Due from other governments		<u>150,001</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>1,159,730</u></u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$	72,157
Fund balance:		
Unreserved, undesignated		<u>1,087,573</u>
Total fund balance		<u>1,087,573</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	<u><u>1,159,730</u></u>

Reconciliation of Balance Sheet to Statement of Net Assets

Fund balance - total government funds	\$	1,087,573
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		1,925,250
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Capital leases payable		(93,504)
Accrued interest payable		<u>(2,130)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>2,917,189</u></u>

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GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

Revenues

Property taxes	\$	535,951
Intergovernmental revenue		233,344
Investment earnings		34,900
Miscellaneous		8,393
		812,588
Total revenues		812,588

Expenditures

Current:		
Salaries and employee benefits		77,255
Services and supplies		302,814
Debt service		
Principal		44,427
Interest		4,759
Capital outlay		147,339
		576,594
Total expenditures		576,594

Net change in fund balance 235,994

Fund balance, beginning of year 851,579

Fund balance, end of year \$ 1,087,573

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

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

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$	235,994
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.</p>		
Expenditure for capital assets		147,339
Current year depreciation		(45,208)
<p>The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital leases payable is to increase net assets.</p>		
Principal payment		44,427
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	382,552

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance -Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 468,040	\$ 468,040	\$ 535,951	\$ 67,911
Intergovernmental revenue	213,000	213,000	233,344	20,344
Investment earnings	10,100	10,100	34,900	24,800
Miscellaneous	36,200	36,200	8,393	(27,807)
Total revenues	<u>727,340</u>	<u>727,340</u>	<u>812,588</u>	<u>85,248</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Salaries and employee benefits	94,100	94,100	77,255	16,845
Services and supplies	393,850	393,850	302,814	91,036
Debt service:				
Principal	45,000	45,000	44,427	573
Interest	5,500	5,500	4,759	741
Capital outlay	233,000	233,000	147,339	85,661
Total expenditures	<u>771,450</u>	<u>771,450</u>	<u>576,594</u>	<u>194,856</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Other financing sources	235,000	235,000	0	235,000
Other financing uses	(190,890)	(190,890)	0	(190,890)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>44,110</u>	<u>44,110</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,110</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>235,994</u>	\$ <u>(235,994)</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2008

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Graton Fire Protection District (the District) serves taxpayers and residents in a specific unincorporated area of the County of Sonoma, the boundaries of which are set by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The District's governmental powers are exercised through a Board of Directors.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately.

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 section and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting 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. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial 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. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Taxes, interest, and charges for services are accrued when receipt occurs within 365 days of the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available. Licenses, permits, fines, forfeitures, and other revenues are recorded as revenues when received

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in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Property taxes are accrued when their receipt occurs within sixty days of the end of the accounting period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Amounts recorded as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) capital grants and contributions restricted to acquire or construct capital assets and 3) operating grants and contributions. Reimbursements are reported in the same functional category as the expense being reimbursed. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

1. Cash and Investments

The District reports cash and investments at fair value in the balance sheet and recognizes the corresponding change in the fair value of investments in the year in which the change occurred.

2. Receivables and Payables

a. Due from other governments

The District is reimbursed by the State of California Water Resources Control Board for eligible costs related to the cleanup and monitoring of contaminated soil on property own by the District. Not all of the reimbursements are collected as of June 30, 2008; therefore, the remainder of uncollected reimbursements is considered due from other governments.

b. Accounts payable

Accounts payable include transactions in which the District has received goods and or services during the current year, but has not paid for them as of June 30th.

c. Property Taxes

The County of Sonoma is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state law. Liens on real

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property are established January 1 for the ensuing fiscal year. The property tax is levied as of July 1 on all taxable property located in the County of Sonoma. Secured property taxes are due in two installments, on November 1 and February 1, and are delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively. Additionally, supplemental property taxes are levied on a pro rata basis when changes in assessed valuation occur due to sales transactions or the completion of construction.

Since the passage of California's Proposition 13, beginning with fiscal year 1978/1979, general property taxes are based either on a flat one percent rate applied to the 1975/1976 full value, or on one percent of the sales price of the property on sales transactions and construction after the 1975/1976 valuation. Taxable values on properties (exclusive of increases related to sales and construction) can rise at a maximum of two percent per year.

On June 30, 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted the "Teeter" Method of property tax allocation. This method allocates property taxes based on the total property tax billed. At year-end the County advances cash to each taxing jurisdiction equal to its current year delinquent property taxes. In exchange, the County receives the penalties and interest on delinquent taxes when collected. The penalties and interest are used to pay the interest cost of borrowing the cash used for the advances.

3. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at 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.

Buildings and improvements and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings and improvements	5 – 50 years
Equipment	5 – 20 years

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4. Net Assets

Net assets are classified into three components – invested in capital assets (net of related debt), restricted and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt (if any) – This component of net assets consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- Restricted net assets (if any) - This component of net assets consists of net assets with limits on their use that are imposed by outside parties.
- Unrestricted net assets – This component of net assets consists of net assets that are not restricted for any project or other purpose.

5. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Budgetary revenue estimates represent original estimates modified for any authorized adjustment which was contingent upon new or additional revenue sources. Budgetary expenditure amounts represent original appropriations adjusted by budget transfers and authorized appropriation adjustments made during the year. All budgets are adopted on a non-GAAP basis.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

Investment in the Sonoma County Treasurer's Investment Pool

As authorized by Health and Safety Code 13854 (a) the District's cash is pooled with the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector, who acts as a disbursing agent for the District. The fair value of the District's investment in this

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pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the Treasury Pool for the entire Treasury Pool portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on accounting records maintained by the Treasury Pool, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. Interest earned on investments pooled with the County is allocated quarterly to the appropriate fund based on its respective average daily balance for that quarter. The Treasury Oversight Committee has regulatory oversight for all monies deposited into the Treasury Pool.

Investment Guidelines

The District's pooled cash and investments are invested pursuant to investment policy guidelines established by the County Treasurer and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The objectives of the policy are, in order of priority: safety of capital, liquidity and maximum rate of return. The policy addresses the soundness of financial institutions in which the County will deposit funds, types of investment instruments as permitted by the California Government Code 53601, and the percentage of the portfolio that may be invested in certain instruments with longer terms to maturity.

A copy of the Treasury Pool investment policy is available upon request from the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector at 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 100-F, Santa Rosa, California, 95403-2871.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, one of the ways that the Treasury Pool manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturing evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations.

As of June 30, 2008, approximately 63 percent of the securities in the Treasury Pool had maturities of one year or less. Of the remainder, only 4 percent had a maturity of more than five years.

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Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Treasury Pool does not have a rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the Treasury Pool's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits and securities lending transactions:

- The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by depository regulated under stated law. The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies.
- The California Government Code limits the total of all securities lending transactions to 20% of the fair value of the investment portfolio.

With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as the Treasury Pool).

Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the County contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond that stipulated by the California Government Code. For a listing of investments in any one issuer (other than U.S. Treasury securities, mutual funds, or external investment pools) that represent 5% or more of total County investments, refer to the 2008 Sonoma County CAFR.

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B. Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 1,367,295				\$ 1,367,295
Construction in progress	0	91,078			91,078
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,367,295</u>	<u>91,078</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,458,373</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	58,672				58,672
Equipment	811,373	56,261			867,634
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>870,045</u>	<u>56,261</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>926,306</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(54,443)	(1,057)			(55,500)
Equipment	(359,778)	(44,151)			(403,929)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(414,221)</u>	<u>(45,208)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(459,429)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>455,824</u>	<u>11,053</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>466,877</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,823,119</u>	<u>\$ 102,131</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,925,250</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:

 Public safety - fire protection \$ 45,208

C. Long-Term Debt

Changes in long-term debt

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2008, was as follows:

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Long-term liabilities:					
Capital lease	\$ 137,931	\$ 0	\$ (44,427)	\$ 93,504	\$ 45,959
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 180,876	\$ 0	\$ (44,427)	\$ 93,504	\$ 45,959

D. Capital Leases Payable

On March 3, 2003, the District signed a lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$304,924 at 3.45% interest with Municipal Services Group, Inc. in order to finance the purchase of a 2003 Pearce Saber Pumper. The loan is to be repaid in nine annual installments of \$49,185 each.

The aggregate repayment requirements on this loan are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 45,959	\$ 3,226
2010	47,545	1,640
Total	\$ 93,504	\$ 4,866

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

Graton Fire Protection District purchases general, public officials' errors and omissions and professional automobile coverage as a member of Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services, Inc. The District is also a member of Fire Districts Association of California - Fire Association Self Insurance System (FDAC-FASIS) through which it receives worker's compensation coverage.

As a member of a public entity risk pool, the District is responsible for appointing an employee as a liaison between the District and the system, implementing all policies of the system, promptly paying all contributions, and cooperating with the system and any insurer of the system. The system is responsible for providing insurance coverage as agreed upon, assisting the District with implementation, providing claims adjusting and defense of any civil action brought against an officer of the system.

B. Christmas Tree Farm

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Land owned by the District has an existing Christmas tree farm. During the Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the District entered into an informal agreement with the Graton Fire Fighters Association. Under the agreement, the Association will operate the Christmas tree farm, in exchange all proceeds from Christmas tree sales will be deposited in the Association's bank account and used towards the new fire station.

C. Commitments

The District had outstanding commitments at June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$156,640 for services related to planning and design of the new fire station.

D. Auditor Independence

As required by various statutes within the California Government Code, County Auditor-Controllers are mandated to perform certain accounting, auditing and financial reporting functions. These activities, in themselves, necessarily impair the auditor's independence. Specifically, "Auditors should not audit their own work or provide non audit services in situations where the amounts or services involved are significant or material to the subject matter of the audit." Although the office of the Auditor-Controller is statutorily obligated to maintain accounts of departments, districts or funds that are contained within the County Treasury, we believe that adequate safeguards and divisions of responsibility exist. Therefore, we believe that subject to this qualification and disclosure, the reader can rely on the information contained in this report.

E. New Accounting Pronouncements

The Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) has released new standards, the following standards may be applicable to the Graton Fire Protection District:

Statement No. 49 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, issued in November 2006. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for pollution (including contamination) remediation obligations, which are obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities such as site assessments and cleanups. The Statement establishes once any of five specified obligating events occurs, that a government is required to estimate the components of the expected pollution remediation outlays and determine whether the outlays for those components should be recorded as a liability or, if appropriate, capitalized when

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goods and services are acquired. GASB Statement No. 49 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007.

Statement No. 54 – *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, issued in February 2009. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for all governments that report governmental funds. It establishes criteria for classifying fund balances into specifically defined classifications and clarifies definitions for governmental fund types. GASB Statement No. 54 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2010.

Statement No. 55 – *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, issued in March 2009. The objective of this Statement is to incorporate the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments into the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) authoritative literature.. GASB Statement No. 55 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after March 2009.

Statement No. 56 – *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards*, issued in March 2009. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for related party transactions, subsequent events and going concern considerations. GASB Statement No. 56 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after March 2009.

The impact on the basic financial statements of the County of these pronouncements which have been issued, but not yet adopted, is unknown at this time.

**GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Roster of Board Members**

As of April 1, 2009 the District Board consisted of the following members:

<u>Directors:</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bob Maddocks	President	November, 2010
Erik Podchernikoff	Vice President	November, 2010
Carol Giovannini	Treasurer	November, 2012
Jim Garman	Secretary	November, 2012
Andrew Gilbraith		November, 2012

Regular Meetings:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is held at 7:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Graton Fire Station, located at the corner of Graton and Ross Road, Graton, California. (707) 823-5515.