# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, the cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinions**

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

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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



To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board October 4, 2023

# 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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



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#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds Budget and Actual, and schedules of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, Contributions – Retirement Plan, Proportionate Share of the Collective Net OPEB Liability and the related Notes to Required Supplemental Information (together "required supplementary information") are 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.

# Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and the Annual Fiscal Report to the Office of the Governor, as required by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board October 4, 2023

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 4, 2023 on our consideration of the Authority'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

October 4, 2023 New Orleans, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

Guikson Keestel, LLP



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2023

The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (the Authority) presents a narrative overview and analysis of the Authority's financial results for the year ended June 30, 2023. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts relating to the following five (5) organizations:

- The administrative arm of the Authority
- The Orleans Levee District (Flood Division)
- The East Jefferson Levee District
- The Lake Borgne Basin Levee District
- The Orleans Levee District (Non-Flood Division) Lakefront Management Authority

Management and control of the Authority's administrative arm, the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD), the Orleans Levee District (OLD), and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) rests with the Southeast Louisiana Protection Authority- East. The powers and duties of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East Board of Commissioners are designated in LA R.S. 38:330.2.

The ownership management and control of the OLD's non-flood protection functions and activities are specified in LA R.S. 38:330.12. While the OLD maintains ownership of the assets assigned to the Non-Flood Division, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East is prohibited from managing or operating them. Accordingly, they are managed and controlled by the Lakefront Management Authority (formerly Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority). The powers and duties of the Lakefront Management Authority are designated in LA R.S. 38:330.12 and LA R.S. 38:330.12.1.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority'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 Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The "Statement of Net Position" presents information on all of the Authority'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 Authority is improving or deteriorating.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government'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., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave). Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish function of the Authority that are principally supported by taxes 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). The Authority only has both governmental activities and business-type activities.

The governmental activities include most of the Authority's basic services such as infrastructure, public works, and general government. Property taxes and operating grants finance most of this activity. The vast majority of governmental activities are related to flood protection and are controlled and managed by the Authority. Governmental activities unrelated to flood control are controlled and managed by the Lakefront Management Authority.

The business-type activities reflect operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private businesses where the entity charges a fee for services it provides. The Orleans Levee District's marinas, airport, and Business Park are included here. The Authority created two proprietary funds for administering the police details of OLD and EJLD.

The State of Louisiana (the primary government) issues financial statements that include the activity contained in these financial statements. The State's financial statements are issued by the Louisiana Division of Administration - Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy and are audited by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. The Authority is a component unit of the State of Louisiana.

# **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 Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The Authority's funds are classified as "governmental funds" and "proprietary 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.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

The proprietary funds for which the Lakefront Management Authority, OLD police, or EJLD police charge customers a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like government-wide statements, provide both long and short-term financial information.

The Authority and the Lakefront Management Authority maintain various funds that are grouped for management purposes into various fund types. Information is presented separately in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and in the Governmental Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balances for the following funds: Authority General Fund, Orleans Levee District General Fund, East Jefferson Levee District General Fund, Orleans Levee District Special Levee Improvement Fund, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District General Fund, all of which are under the management and control of the Authority; and the Orleans Levee District Real Estate Fund and Orleans Levee District General Improvement Fund, both of which are under the management and control of the Lakefront Management Authority. All of these funds are considered to be "major" funds.

The Authority's Board of Commissioners and the Lakefront Management Authority Board adopt annual budgets for all of the General Funds and Improvement Funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for each fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

# BASIC COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The basic combined financial statements present information for the combined operations of the Authority and the three levee districts which it governs, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The <u>Statement of Net Position</u> presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately, as well as deferred inflows and deferred outflows. The difference between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows is net position and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The <u>Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position</u> presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u> presents information showing how the Proprietary Funds' cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB Codification 2200.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

# **Condensed Statement of Net Position**

The following table describes the net position of the Authority at the end of the current and prior fiscal years:

Table 1
Net Position
(In Thousands)

	Govern	nmer	ntal		Busines	ss-Ty	pe		Total						
	Acti	vitie	s	Activities					Activ	vitie	5				
	2023		2022		2023		2022		2023		2022				
Current and other assets	\$ 187,882	\$	157,840	\$	5,996	\$	27,670	\$	193,878	\$	185,509				
Capital and intangible assets	 6,714,185		6,880,285		30,032		429		6,744,217		6,880,713				
Total assets	 6,902,066	_	7,038,124		36,029		28,098	_	6,938,095		7,066,223				
Total deferred outflows															
of resources	13,809		10,580		1,549		1,037		15,359		11,618				
Current liabilities	18,538		18,257		1,070		867		19,608		19,125				
Long-term liabilities	 53,116		47,897		5,480		5,011	_	58,596	_	52,908				
Total liabilities	 71,654	_	66,154		6,550		5,878	_	78,205	_	72,032				
Total deferred inflows															
of resources	6,212		9,097		30,903		23,723		37,114		32,820				
Net investment in capital															
assets	6,713,090		6,877,916		348		429		6,713,437		6,878,345				
Restricted for PCCP	500		500		-		-		500		500				
Unrestricted	 124,420	_	95,037		(223)		(894)	_	124,198	_	94,144				
Total net position	\$ 6,838,010	\$	6,973,453	\$	125	\$	(465)	\$	6,838,135	\$	6,972,988				

<sup>•</sup> The Authority's total net position at the close of fiscal year 2023 was \$6.8 billion.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# **Condensed Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position**

The following table describes the changes in net position of the Authority during the current and prior fiscal years:

Table 2
Changes in Net Position
(In Thousands)

	Govern	nmen	tal		Busines	s-T	ype	Total					
	 Acti	vities			Activ	itie	S		Activ	itie	S		
	2023		2022		2023		2022		2023		2022		
Program revenues Program expenses	\$ 5,524 (220,115)	\$	933 (87,966)	\$	9,139 (7,775)	\$	7,478 (7,369)	\$	14,663 (227,890)	\$	8,411 (95,335)		
Program gain (loss)	(214,591)		(87,033)		1,363		109	_	(213,227)		(86,924)		
General revenues and transfers	 79,147		12,689	_	(773)	_	(1,395)	_	78,374		11,294		
Changes in net position	\$ (135,443)	\$	(74,344)	\$	590	\$	(1,285)	\$	(134,854)	\$ (	(75,629,676)		

• Net program loss increased by \$126 million. This is primarily due to the depreciation of infrastructure assets received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 2019 through 2022, which were placed in service at the end of the 2022 fiscal year. Depreciation expense was \$180 million in 2023.

Table 3
Capital Assets at Year-end
(Net of Depreciation, In Thousands)

		Govern	ntal		Busines	ss-T	ype	Total						
		Activities				Activ	s	Activities						
		2023	2022		2023			2022	2023			2022		
Land	\$	36,947	\$	36,947	\$	-	\$	-	\$	36,947	\$	36,947		
Buildings		62,649		65,105		-		-		62,649		65,105		
Improvements		123,232		109,296		-		-		123,232		109,296		
Equip ment		10,470		8,323		383		429		10,853		8,752		
Infrastructure		6,460,068		6,628,536		-		-		6,460,068		6,628,536		
Construction-in-progress	_	20,347		32,077		<u>-</u>		<u> </u>	_	20,347		32,077		
Total capital assets, net	\$	6,713,713	\$	6,880,285	\$	383	\$	429	\$	6,714,096	\$	6,880,713		

Governmental total fixed assets decreased by \$167 million primarily due to depreciation charges of \$180 million.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# **LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following table lists long-term obligations and deferred inflows:

Table 4
Outstanding Debt, at Year-end
(In Thousands)

	Gover	nmer	ntal	Busine	ss-T	ype	Total						
	Acti	s	 Acti	vitie	s	Activities							
	 2023		2022	 2023		2022		2023		2022			
Compensated absenses	\$ 1,129	\$	1,190	\$ 137	\$	115	\$	1,266	\$	1,305			
Subscription obligations	311		-	-		-		311		-			
OPEB liability	12,509		17,619	778		954		13,287		18,573			
Pension liability	 39,167		29,088	 4,565	_	3,942		43,732	-	33,030			
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 53,116	\$	47,897	\$ 5,480	\$	5,011	\$	58,596	\$	52,908			

# **VARIATIONS BETWEEN EXPECTED AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS**

#### Revenue

The various governmental funds of the Authority budgeted \$61 million in revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Authority's actual revenues were \$82 million, which primarily increased due to higher than expected tax revenues and earnings from investments.

# **Expenditures**

The various governmental funds of the Authority budgeted \$95 million in expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Actual governmental expenditures were \$42 million less than budgeted primarily due to decreases in amounts expended through capital outlays.

# Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets, Rates, and Fees

The Authority's appointed officials considered the following factors and indicators when setting next year's budget, rates, and fees:

- Changes in organization processes
- Necessary major maintenance and project expenditures
- Increased maintenance of completed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects
- Need for additional personnel and higher operating costs due to the additional responsibilities vested in the Authority

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

Management of the Authority recently completed a comprehensive 50-year projection for the Authority's flood protection services, assets, and liabilities. Management believes that using a long-term approach to review the Authority's short-term goals will increase its ability to be agile and fulfill the Authority's purpose.

# Contacting the Authority's Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Authority at 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122, or the Lakefront Management Authority at New Orleans Lakefront Airport, Terminal Building, Suite 219, 6001 Stars & Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70122.



# COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,420,426	\$ 137,906	\$ 2,558,332
Investments - LAMP	118,980,466	-	118,980,466
Investments	47,965,557	-	47,965,557
Receivables, net	2,544,309	613,642	3,157,951
Internal balances	(3,236,106)	3,236,106	4.502.955
Due from other governments	4,291,566	211,289	4,502,855
Inventory Restricted investments	436,817	-	436,817
Current portion of lease receivable	11,723,127	1,796,532	11,723,127 1,796,532
Other assets	2,755,606	900	2,756,506
Total current assets	187,881,768	5,996,375	193,878,143
	107,001,700	3,770,373	173,070,143
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
Lease receivables, net of current portion	-	29,649,334	29,649,334
Intangible right to use subscriptions	471,764	-	471,764
Capital assets:	26.046.726		26.046.726
Land Construction in progress	36,946,736	-	36,946,736
. •	20,346,500	202.027	20,346,500 6,656,802,527
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	6,656,419,700	382,827	6,636,802,327
Total noncurrent assets	6,714,184,700	30,032,161	6,744,216,861
Total assets	6,902,066,468	36,028,536	6,938,095,004
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
OPEB deferrals	3,905,061	394,801	4,299,862
Pension deferrals	9,904,411	1,154,318	11,058,729
Total deferred outflows of resources	13,809,472	1,549,119	15,358,591
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accounts payable	3,256,052	102,657	3,358,709
Contracts payable	633,405	35,288	668,693
Deferred revenues	80,533	395,000	475,533
Due to other agencies	13,502,699	-	13,502,699
Accrued payroll liabities	914,180	58,573	972,753
Right to use subscription obligations - current portion	150,847	-	150,847
Other liabilities	<del>_</del>	478,916	478,916
Total current liabilities	18,537,716	1,070,434	19,608,150
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accrued compensated absences	1,128,915	137,087	1,266,002
Right to use subscription obligations - long-term	310,805	-	310,805
Post-employment benefit liability	12,509,200	778,108	13,287,308
Net pension liability	39,167,464	4,564,810	43,732,274
Total noncurrent liabilities	53,116,384	5,480,005	58,596,389
Total liabilities	71,654,100	6,550,439	78,204,539
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
OPEB deferrals	5,376,927	348,472	5,725,399
Pension deferrals	834,862	97,301	932,163
Lease deferrals		30,456,802	30,456,802
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,211,789	30,902,575	37,114,364
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	6,713,089,643	347,539	6,713,437,182
Restricted for:	, -,,-	- /	, , ,
Permanent pump station maintenance	500,000	-	500,000
Unrestricted	124,420,408	(222,898)	124,197,510
Total net position	\$ 6,838,010,051	\$ 124,641	\$ 6,838,134,692

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Program	Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Postion								
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total						
Governmental Activities: Flood and drainage protection Property management	\$ 217,991,387 2,123,581	\$ 749,501	\$ 4,774,847	\$ (212,467,039) (2,123,581)	\$ - -	\$ (212,467,039) (2,123,581)						
Total governmental activities	220,114,968	749,501	4,774,847	(214,590,620)		(214,590,620)						
Business-Type Activities South Shore Harbor Marina Lakefront Airport Orleans Marina New Basin Canal Non-major funds	2,747,292 3,675,284 1,035,952 (15,453) 332,307	457,812 2,892,844 1,747,311 1,923,682 288,115	6,253 1,822,651	- - - -	(2,283,227) 1,040,211 711,359 1,939,135 (44,192)	(2,283,227) 1,040,211 711,359 1,939,135 (44,192)						
Total business-type activities	7,775,382	7,309,764	1,828,904		1,363,286	1,363,286						
Total functions/programs	\$ 227,890,350	\$ 8,059,265	\$ 6,603,751	(214,590,620)	1,363,286	(213,227,334)						
		General revenues, special iter Taxes Unrestricted intergovernme Unrestricted investment los Miscellaneous income Gain (loss) on disposals of Litigation payments Transfers (to)/from other ag Internal transfers	ental revenues es assets	68,562,244 1,654,425 4,165,398 2,628,370 (19,558) (5,250) 193,917 1,967,648	1,194,225 - - - - (1,967,648)	68,562,244 1,654,425 4,165,398 3,822,595 (19,558) (5,250) 193,917						
		Total general revenues, spe	cial items and transfers	79,147,194	(773,423)	78,373,771						
		Change in net position		(135,443,426)	589,863	(134,853,563)						
		Net postion - beginning of	year	6,973,453,477	(465,222)	6,972,988,255						
		Net position - end of year		\$ 6,838,010,051	\$ 124,641	\$ 6,838,134,692						

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

#### **ASSETS**

		Authority eneral Fund	_G	OLD General Fund	EJLD General Fund	<u>i</u> .	LBBLD General Fund	LMA OLD Real Estate Fund		LMA General provement Fund		OLD SLIP Fund	(	Total Governmental Funds
CURRENT ASSETS:														
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,826,447	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 593,979	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,420,426
Investments - LAMP		818,200		21,947,788	18,234,50	0	3,383,758	5,396,667		-		69,199,553		118,980,466
Investments		-		24,050,522	19,038,12	3	-	-		-		4,876,912		47,965,557
Receivables		4,989		2,030,045	62,19	3	7,584	63		-		439,435		2,544,309
Due from other funds		3,970,681		3,429,669	940,57	6	237,355	20,648,934		-		10,429,978		39,657,193
Due from other governments		2,782,557		714,081		-	681,214	-		113,714		-		4,291,566
Inventory		-		436,817		_	-	-		_		_		436,817
Restricted investments		-		11,723,127		_	-	_		_		_		11,723,127
Other assets		1,325,059	_	1,052,683	348,03	5	27,899	1,930			_	<u>-</u>		2,755,606
Total assets	\$	10,727,933	\$	65,384,732	\$ 38,623,42	<u>27</u>	\$ 4,337,810	\$ 26,641,573	\$	113,714	\$	84,945,878	\$	230,775,067
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURC	ES, A	ND FUND B	ALA	ANCES										
LIABILITIES:														
Accounts payable	\$	2,777,338	\$	-	\$		\$ -	\$ 478,714	\$	-	\$		\$	3,256,052
Contracts payable		-		-	11,33		-	-		-		622,075		633,405
Other accrued		248,013		432,633	163,54		34,075			2.166.040		507.607		905,731
Due to other funds Due to other agencies		2,724,786 1,089		11,537,734 1,610	1,859,66	-	1,127,943	22,878,630		2,166,849		597,697 13,500,000		42,893,299 13,502,699
Due to other agencies	_	1,009	_	1,010					_		_	13,300,000	_	13,302,099
Total liabilities		5,751,226		11,971,977	2,034,53	1	1,162,018	23,384,813	_	2,166,849	_	14,719,772	_	61,191,186
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				573,322		_		5,975				438,526		1,017,823
FUND BALANCES: Nonspendable:														
Prepaid and other assets		1,325,059		1,052,683	348,03	35	27,899	1,930		-		-		2,755,606
Inventory		-		436,817		-	-			-		-		436,817
Restricted for:				500.000										500.000
Permanent pump station maintenance Committed to:		-		500,000		-	•	-		-		-		500,000
OPEB liability		-		7,545,391	4,664,72	26	3,036,586	-		-		-		15,246,703
Long-term maintenance		-		-		-	-	-		-		31,663,000		31,663,000
HSDRRS maintenance, inspection, & improvement		3,651,648		18,204,000	21.576.13	-	111 207	3,248,855		- (2.052.125)		20 124 500		18,204,000 99,759,932
Unassigned	-	3,031,048	_	25,100,542	31,576,13		111,307	3,240,633	_	(2,053,135)	-	38,124,580	-	99,739,932
Total fund balances (deficit)		4,976,707		52,839,433	36,588,89	<u>96</u>	3,175,792	3,250,785	_	(2,053,135)		69,787,580		168,566,058
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources,	ф	10.727.022	Ф	65 204 522	Ф 20 <b>с</b> 22 45		Ф 4227.010		•	112.714	Ф	04.045.050	Ф	220 555 065
and fund balances	\$	10,727,933	\$	65,384,732	\$ 38,623,42	<u>. /</u>	\$ 4,337,810	\$ 26,641,573	\$	113,714	\$	84,945,878	\$	230,775,067

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Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 168,566,058
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Combined Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$503,189,157	6,713,712,936
Right of use assets and liabilities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	1,663
Revenues that are not available within 60 days of year-end are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds	937,290
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not reported in the governmental funds:  Pensions  OPEB	9,904,411 3,905,061
Pension and OPEB related deferrals are deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position:  Pensions  OPEB	(834,862) (5,376,927)
Liabilities that are not due and payable within 60 days of year-end and, therefore, and not reported in the funds Accrued compensated absences Post-employment benefit liability Net pension liability	 (1,128,915) (12,509,200) (39,167,464)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 6,838,010,051

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Authority General Fund	OLD General Fund	EJLD General Fund	LBBLD General Fund	LMA OLD Real Estate Fund	LMA General Improvement Fund	OLD SLIP Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:								
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 27,402,287	\$ 11,292,407	\$ 2,825,964	\$ 2,587,058	\$ -	\$ 24,120,852	\$ 68,228,568
Intergovernmental	-	1,074,425	417,000	163,000	-	-	-	1,654,425
Royalties, leases, and permits	-	749,501	-	-	-	-	-	749,501
Operating grants	654,994	3,045,117	870,409	204,327	-	-	-	4,774,847
Payments from other funds	10,938,976	426,293	-	-	-	-	-	11,365,269
Other	345,158	1,532,083	92,747	9,601	648,781	30,742	-	2,659,112
Investment earnings (loss)	37,483	1,057,287	641,757	94,773	207,312	<del>_</del>	2,126,786	4,165,398
Total revenues	11,976,611	35,286,993	13,314,320	3,297,665	3,443,151	30,742	26,247,638	93,597,120
EXPENDITURES:								
Flood and drain protection	10,263,283	25,297,192	8,773,031	2,780,043	-	-	2,265,425	49,378,974
Property management	-	-	-	-	2,069,370	69,815	-	2,139,185
Capital outlay	267,667	2,931,325	1,440,824	118,496		<del>-</del>	8,232,504	12,990,816
Total expenditures	10,530,950	28,228,517	10,213,855	2,898,539	2,069,370	69,815	10,497,929	64,508,975
Excess (deficiency) of revenues								
over expenditures	1,445,661	7,058,476	3,100,465	399,126	1,373,781	(39,073)	15,749,709	29,088,145
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Sale of capital assets	-	9,105	-	-	-			9,105
Transfers in/(out)	-	495,149	-	-	-	-	-	495,149
Litigation payments	(8,750)		24,500	(21,000)				(5,250)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(8,750)	504,254	24,500	(21,000)				499,004
Net change in fund balances	1,436,911	7,562,730	3,124,965	378,126	1,373,781	(39,073)	15,749,709	29,587,149
Fund balances (deficit) - beginning of year	3,539,796	45,276,703	33,463,931	2,797,666	1,877,004	(2,014,062)	54,037,871	138,978,909
Fund balances (deficit) - end of year	\$ 4,976,707	\$ 52,839,433	\$ 36,588,896	\$ 3,175,792	\$ 3,250,785	\$ (2,053,135)	\$ 69,787,580	\$ 168,566,058

RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,2023

Change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 29,587,149
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Combined Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position are different because governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset additions	12,990,816
Depreciation expense	(181,200,263)
Loss on disposals	(28,663)
Transfers of capital assets between the Authority and St. Bernard Parish do not affect current financial resources and are not reported as other sources of funds in the	
governmental funds	(301,232)
Revenues in the Combined Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds	333,676
Transfers of capital assets between proprietary funds and governmental funds do not affect current financial resources and are not reported as other sources of funds in the governmental funds	1,967,649
Amortization of right to use assets and liabitilities are not uses or sources of current financial resources and are not reported as other sources of funds in the	1.662
governmental funds	1,663
Some items reported in the Combined Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds	
Compensated absences	60,884
Post-employment benefit obligation	634,991
Pension expense	 509,904
Change in net position	\$ (135,443,426)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS  $\underline{ \text{AS OF JUNE 30, 2023} }$ 

		Major	Funds		Non-Major	
	South Shore Harbor Marina	Lakefront Airport	Orleans Marina	New Basin Canal	Other Proprietary Funds	Total Proprietary Funds
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 137,831	\$ 137,906
Receivables, net of allowance for						
uncollectables accounts	112,534	323,708	54,219	107,904	33,310	631,675
Due from other funds	-	-	7,511,748	13,963,972	337,307	21,813,027
Due from other governments	-	193,256	-	-	-	193,256
Current portion of lease receivable Other assets	-	781,718 200	278,416 700	524,168	212,230	1,796,532 900
Other assets						900
Total current assets	112,534	1,298,957	7,845,083	14,596,044	720,678	24,573,296
NONCURRENT ASSETS:						
Lease receivables, net of current portion	-	4,743,475	4,705,551	19,909,544	290,764	29,649,334
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	1,171	356,073			25,583	382,827
Total noncurrent assets	1,171	5,099,548	4,705,551	19,909,544	316,347	30,032,161
Total assets	113,705	6,398,505	12,550,634	34,505,588	1,037,025	54,605,457
DEFERRED OUTLFOWS OF RESOURCES:						
Pensions	258,628	637,417	201,986	28,143	28,144	1,154,318
OPEB	89,725	219,833	67,295	8,973	8,975	394,801
Total deferred outflows of resources	348,353	857,250	269,281	37,116	37,119	1,549,119
	462.050		12.010.015	24.542.504		
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	462,058	7,255,755	12,819,915	34,542,704	1,074,144	56,154,576
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>						
Accounts payable	35,288	62,502	-	-	40,155	137,945
Due to other funds	1,931,904	16,500,863	-	6,680	137,474	18,576,921
Rents paid in advance	221,230	27,049	78,225	63,261	5,235	395,000
Other liabilities	33,003	355,915	148,571			537,489
Total current liabilities	2,221,425	16,946,329	226,796	69,941	182,864	19,647,355
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:						
Accrued compensated absences	15,751	113,378	7,958	-	_	137,087
Post-employment benefit liability	176,844	433,265	132,632	17,684	17,683	778,108
Net pension liability	1,022,756	2,520,698	798,763	111,297	111,296	4,564,810
Total noncurrent liabilities	1,215,351	3,067,341	939,353	128,981	128,979	5,480,005
Total liabilities	3,436,776	20,013,670	1,166,149	198,922	311,843	25,127,360
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
Leases	_	5,349,243	4,735,164	19,889,023	483,372	30,456,802
Pensions	21,801	53,729	17,026	2,372	2,373	97,301
OPEB	79,198	194,035	59,399	7,920	7,920	348,472
Total deferred inflows of resources	100,999	5,597,007	4,811,589	19,899,315	493,665	30,902,575
NET POSITION:						
Net investment in capital assets	1,171	356,073	-	-	25,583	382,827
Unrestricted	(3,076,888)	(18,710,995)	6,842,177	14,444,467	243,053	(258,186)
Total net position	\$ (3,075,717)	\$ (18,354,922)	\$ 6,842,177	\$ 14,444,467	\$ 268,636	\$ 124,641

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		Major	Funds		Non-Major		
	South Shore Harbor Marina	Lakefront Airport	Orleans Marina	New Basin Canal	Other Proprietary Funds	Total Proprietary Funds	
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>							
Charges for services							
Rentals	\$ 457,812	\$ 2,162,347	\$ 1,747,311	\$ 1,923,682			
Detail revenue	-	-	-	-	283,181	283,181	
Fuel flowage fees		730,497			<del>-</del>	730,497	
Total charges for services	457,812	2,892,844	1,747,311	1,923,682	571,296	7,592,945	
Miscellaneous income	994	799,077	110,181	711	81	911,044	
Total operating revenues	458,806	3,691,921	1,857,492	1,924,393	571,377	8,503,989	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>							
Personnel services	931,884	1,070,957	482,003	(50,801)	197,261	2,631,304	
Travel	-	4,615	-	-	-	4,615	
Contractual services	1,345,903	1,835,357	284,598	16,231	109,132	3,591,221	
Materials and supplies	175,370	108,775	82,290	67	2,082	368,584	
Professional services	235,092	298,800	128,267	19,050	15,239	696,448	
Other charges	36,156	41,531	58,763	-	4,118	140,568	
Depreciation	3,082	76,200	-	-	4,475	83,757	
Major maintenance	19,805	239,049	31		<del>-</del>	258,885	
Total operating expenses	2,747,292	3,675,284	1,035,952	(15,453)	332,307	7,775,382	
Net operating income (loss)	(2,288,486	16,637	821,540	1,939,846	239,070	728,607	
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):							
Grant income	6,253	1,822,651	-	_	-	1,828,904	
Transfers to governmental activities	· -	(1,967,648)	-	-	-	(1,967,648)	
Gain on sale of assets							
Total nonoperating revenues	6,253	(144,997)				(138,744)	
Change in net position	(2,282,233	(128,360)	821,540	1,939,846	239,070	589,863	
Total net position - beginning of year	(793,484	(18,226,562)	6,020,637	12,504,621	29,566	(465,222)	
Total net position - end of year	\$ (3,075,717	(18,354,922)	\$ 6,842,177	\$ 14,444,467	\$ 268,636	\$ 124,641	

# ${\bf SOUTHEAST\ LOUISIANA\ FLOOD\ PROTECTION\ AUTHORITY-EAST}$

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,2023

	Major Funds						Non-Major				
											Total
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN)		South Shore urbor Marina	La	kefront Airport	0	Orleans Marina	New Basin Canal	Ot	ther Proprietary Funds		Proprietary Funds
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:											
Receipts from customers	\$	353,197	\$	2,549,639	\$	1,520,270	\$ 1,373,812	\$	578,582	\$	6,375,500
Other operating cash receipts		994		799,077		110,181	711		81		911,044
Payments to suppliers		370,471		(1,692,562)		(1,198,518)	(1,294,911)		(199,774)		(4,015,294)
Payments to employees		(730,915)		(1,684,931)	_	(431,933)	(79,612)	_	(390,354)		(3,317,745)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		(6,253)		(28,777)					(11,465)		(46,495)
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN)											
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:											
Proceeds from federal and state grants		6,253		2,017,499							2,023,752
Purchase of capital assets		0,233		(1,988,647)		-	-		-		(1,988,647)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		-		(1,966,047)		-	-		-		(1,988,047)
					_			_			
Net cash from (used in) capital and											
related financing activities		6,253		28,852							35,105
Net change in cash		-		75		-	-		(11,465)		(11,390)
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year									149,296		149,296
Cash and cash equivalents – end of year	\$		\$	75	\$		\$ -	\$	137,831	\$	137,906
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING											
INCOME (LOSS) TO CASH FROM											
(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:											
Operating income (loss)	\$	(2,288,486)	\$	(128,360)	\$	821,540	\$ 1,939,846	\$	239,070	\$	583,610
Adjustment to reconcile operating income (loss) to net											
cash used in operating activities:											
Depreciation expense		3,082		76,200		-					79,282
Change in operating assets and liabilities:											
Receivables, net		(74,619)		49,840		(19,542)	(68,442)		23,651		(89,112)
Due from other funds		215,303		-		(644,748)	(1,184,142)		(64,316)		(1,677,903)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		302		1,412		179	-		81		1,974
Lease receivables		-		(2,787,115)		(1,477,519)	(4,504,646)		(170,492)		(8,939,772)
Accounts and other payables		35,288		20,546		-	-		(253)		55,581
Due to other funds		1,931,904		813,607		-	(75,421)		-		2,670,090
Post-employment benefit liability		33,226		(161,719)		(21,244)	(23,349)		(2,833)		(175,919)
Net pension liability		461,376		197,197		170,183	(69,579)		(136,099)		623,078
Other liabilities		(50,943)		(7,233)		163,849	60,908		(11,965)		154,616
Change in deferred outflows of resources Change in deferred inflows of resources		(198,254) (74,432)		(235,832) 2,132,680		(103,320) 1,110,622	9,654 3,915,171		16,043 95,648		(511,709) 7,179,689
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Net cash from (used in) operating activities	\$	(6,253)	\$	(28,777)	\$	<u> </u>	\$ -	\$	(11,465)	\$	(46,495)

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

# **Reporting Entity**

The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (the "Authority") was created as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Legislature under the provisions of LA RS 38:330.1. The Authority's primary purpose is regional coordination of flood protection of the following levee districts:

- East Jefferson Levee District
- Lake Borgne Basin Levee District
- Orleans Levee District

Effective on January 1, 2007 as a result of LA RS 38:291 (Paragraphs D, G and K), the Authority was created to combine the financial activity of the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District, and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (collectively, the "Levee Districts") with that of the administration arm of the Authority. The Authority's Board of Commissioners administers the operations and responsibilities of the flood protection related assets and activities of the Levee Districts in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana statutes.

LA R.S. 38:330.12 placed the non-flood related assets and activities of the Orleans Levee District under the management and control of the Lakefront Management Authority, formerly known as Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority ("LMA"). The statute also states that those assets will continue to be owned by the Orleans Levee District. The creation, powers, duties and functions of the LMA are specified in LA R.S. 38:330.12.1.

- The Orleans Levee District (the "OLD") was established by 1890 General Assembly of the State of Louisiana. The OLD has primary responsibility for the operation and maintenance of levees, embankments, seawalls, jetties, breakwaters, water basins, and other hurricane and flood protection improvements surrounding the City of New Orleans, including the southern shores of Lake Pontchartrain and along the Mississippi River. The District also has responsibility for operating and maintaining several complex marine structures impacting navigable waterways that are part of the flood protection system. The OLD is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 109 miles of levees and floodwalls and over 200 floodgates. Louisiana State Legislature authorized the OLD to dedicate, construct, operate, and maintain public parks, beaches, marinas, aviation fields, and other like facilities. The OLD owns a general aviation airport, the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, as well as the Orleans Marina, the South Shore Harbor Marina, and various other real estate properties. The Orleans Marina has 354 boat slips. The South Shore Harbor Marina, which was officially dedicated September 19, 1987, has a 43-acre calm water basin, 450 open boat slips, and 26 covered boat slips. The OLD has approximately 155 full-time employees, including 35 police officers.
- The East Jefferson Levee District (the "EJLD") was created by Louisiana State Legislature on January 1, 1979 from the territory removed from the Pontchartrain Levee District. The EJLD includes all or portions of the following parishes: Jefferson Parish East of Mississippi River, South of Lake Pontchartrain, bordered by St. Charles Parish. The EJLD primarily provides flood protection for those areas contained in the District which is approximately 28 miles of levees and floodwalls and 12 floodgates, and has approximately 60 full-time employees, including 25 police officers.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# **Reporting Entity (Continued)**

• The Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (the "LBBLD") was created by Louisiana State Legislature in 1892 and is comprised of all the territory contained within the parish of St. Bernard. The LBBLD primarily provides flood protection for those areas. The LBBLD is responsible for approximately 57 miles of levees and floodwalls, 32 floodgates, 8 pumping stations, and 56 miles of drainage canals. The LBBLD's office is located in Violet, Louisiana, and employs approximately 25 full-time employees. The LBBLD's operations are funded primarily through ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing and interest earnings. As of June 29, 2021, the LBBLD transferred responsibility for the pumping stations and internal drainage of St. Bernard Parish to the St. Bernard Parish Government.

The Authority is governed by a Board of Commissioners (the "Board"), consisting of nine members, of whom there shall be exactly one member from each parish within the territorial jurisdiction of the Authority. The members shall be appointed by the Governor of Louisiana from nominations submitted by the nominating committee as follows:

- Five members who shall either be an engineer or a professional in a related field such as geotechnical, hydrological, or environmental science. Of the five members, one member shall be a civil engineer.
- Two members who shall be a professional in a discipline other than that occurring in item 1, with at least ten years of professional experience in that discipline.
- Two members who shall be at-large.

Regular monthly meetings of the Board shall be convened on a rotating basis at a place determined by the Board in a levee district under the jurisdiction of the Authority, which is located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Until December 31, 2006, the Levee Districts were governed by Boards of Commissioners appointed by the governor and local governing authorities. Effective January 1, 2007, the flood control activities of the Levee Districts were governed by the Authority, a newly constituted governing body and the Authority's Board of Commissioners, in accordance with changes in state law approved by the citizenry on September 30, 2006. Significant non-flood facilities and improvements owned by the Orleans Levee District are managed and controlled by the Lakefront Management Authority Board (Non-Flood Division or LMA).

The LMA is governed by a Board of Commissioners (the Board), consisting of 17 members. The members shall be composed of the following members who shall be subject to Senate confirmation, provided that no elected official shall be appointed to serve as a member:

- One member appointed by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East.
- One member appointed by the state senator representing Senate District No. 3 and Senate District No. 4, and by the state representative representing House District No. 97, House District No. 94, House District No. 99, and by the Congressional Representative representing Congressional District No. 1 and Congressional District No. 2. At least one member appointed shall be a lawyer, at least one member shall be a certified public accountant and at least one member shall be a realtor.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Reporting Entity (Continued)**

- One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.
- One member appointed by each New Orleans city council member in whose district a non-flood asset is located.
- Two members appointed jointly by the presidents of the Lakeshore, Lake Vista, Lake Terrace, and Lake Oaks property owners associations.
- One member appointed by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.
- One member appointed by the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.
- One member appointed by the board for the New Orleans City Park.

Regular monthly meetings of the Board shall be convened at a place determined by the Board.

The combined financial Statements of the Authority include all of the Levee Districts subjected to the Authority's governance, as well as the aggregate results of the enterprise fund assets of the OLD and the results for the OLD Real Estate's general fund and the general improvement fund that are managed and controlled by LMA.

The OLD Real Estate fund is organizationally a non-flood control fund and is the administrative fund for the Non-Flood Division which is governed by the LMA; however, it has responsibility not only for the proprietary funds, but also roadways, and public recreation areas along Lake Pontchartrain, all government-type activities. The Real Estate administrative fund is reported with the governmental funds. The General Improvement fund is also managed by the LMA.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, And Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the combined statement of net position and the combined statement of activities) report information about the Authority as a whole. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely primarily on fees and charges for support.

The combined statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given functions are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. 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 (allocated to functions based on actual revenues and expenditures) and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Net position is displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of related debt.
- Restricted when constraints placed on net position use is either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, And Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

# Basis of Accounting

In April 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the GASB to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. The accompanying combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles. The accompanying combined financial statements present information only as to the transactions of the Authority as authorized by Louisiana statutes. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized and reported in the combined financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements mode, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accounts of the Authority are maintained in accordance with applicable statutory provisions and the regulations of the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Statewide Reporting and Accounting Policy.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined; and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Authority considers most revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. For certain grants for which collectability is assured, but do not meet the availability criteria, the revenue is recorded as unearned revenue. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred under the accrual basis of accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded when paid.

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

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, And Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

#### Fund Balance

In 2012, the Authority adopted the provisions of GASB Codification 1300 Fund Accounting and 1800 Classification and Terminology, which changed the reporting of fund balance in the balance sheets of governmental fund types. In fund financial statements, fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy primarily on the extent to which the Authority is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance is reported in five components – nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

- *Nonspendable* This component consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted This component consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the Authority to assess, levy, change or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.
- Committed This component consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Authority removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) it employed previously to commit those amounts.
- Assigned This component consists of amounts that are constrained by the Authority's intent to be
  used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The authorization for assigning
  fund balance is expressed by the Authority or the designee as established in the Authority's Fund
  Balance Policy.
- *Unassigned* This component consists of amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources in the following order: committed resources first, then assigned, and then unassigned as they are needed.

#### Net Position

In 2013, the Authority adopted GASB Standards which provided financial reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position. State and local governments enter into transactions that result in the consumption or acquisition of assets in one period that are applicable to future periods. GASB Statement No. 63 requires that deferred outflows of resources should be reported in a statement of net position in a separate section following assets and deferred inflows of resources should be reported in a separate section following liabilities. During 2013, the Authority adopted the statement and restated balances previously referred to as net assets to net position.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, And Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

#### Net Position (Continued)

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows. Net position should be displayed in three components – *net investment in capital assets* consisting of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any debt proceeds used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets; *restricted* distinguishing between major categories of restrictions and consisting of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets; and *unrestricted* consisting of the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

# Major Funds

The Authority General Fund is used to account for all financial activity associated with the primary purpose for which the Authority was created.

The OLD General Fund is the primary operating fund of the OLD as relates to the flood protection purpose of the organization. The fund accounts for all financial resources related to flood control functions, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

The EJLD General Fund is the primary operating fund of the EJLD as relates to the flood protection purpose of the organization.

The LBBLD General Fund is the primary operating fund of the LBBLD as relates to the flood protection purpose of the organization. It is used to account for all activities except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

The OLD Real Estate Fund is a companion fund to the OLD General Fund, used to provide management and administration of non-flood control operations, including the OLD's proprietary funds as well as parks, roadways, and bridges. This fund is controlled and managed by the LMA.

The OLD Special Levee Improvement Project (SLIP) Fund is used to account for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities as well as maintenance of the flood control system.

The OLD General Improvement Fund is used to account for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of non-flood protection related capital facilities. This fund is controlled and managed by the LMA.

The South Shore Harbor Marina, Orleans Marina, Lakefront Airport, Lake Vista, and New Basin Canal funds are proprietary funds used for financial resources received and used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital facilities. These funds are controlled and managed by the LMA.

The OLD Police and the EJLD Police Detail Funds are proprietary funds used for financial resources received and used for police details. These funds are controlled and managed by the Authority.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the combined statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all demand accounts and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less.

Under state law, the Authority may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. State statutes authorize the Authority to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates. These are classified as investments if the original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at fair value using published market rates.

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance, or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of commercial paper held by the state treasurer. The Authority was fully covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and pledged securities at June 30, 2023.

#### **Investments**

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool, ("LAMP") is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets.

The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955. LAMP is rated AAA by Standard & Poor's.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to the account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LAMP administrative office at (800) 249-5267.

Investments in LAMP are stated at amortized cost due to their liquidity.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# **Investments (Continued)**

The Authority also maintains investment accounts as authorized by LA RS 33:2955. Nearly all investments held by general purpose governments are required to be reported at fair value in their basic financial statements by GASB Codification I50 *Investment*.

#### **Receivables**

All receivables are shown net of allowance for doubtful accounts.

#### **Interfund Receivables or Payables**

The amounts are referred to as either due to or due from other funds, which result from a pooled cash management process. Interfund receivables or payables reflect a cumulative excess of costs (due from) or revenue (due to) generally between the general funds and all other funds. As a general rule, all interfund balances are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements.

#### **Inventory**

Inventory is valued at average cost and is expensed at the time of withdrawal from inventory on a perpetual basis. The year-end balance contains supplies and fuel that could be needed at any time. The OLD is the only district that maintains inventory.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure, such as bridges, seawalls, roads, and levees, are reported in the combined financial statements. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the GASB Codification 2200, governments are required to identify infrastructure assets, including flood control systems. The Authority has recorded the costs of construction for projects identified in its bond documents and will continue to recognize its portion of the cost of infrastructure. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated 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 asset lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The Authority and its related districts have implemented a \$10,000 minimum capitalization threshold. The Authority's capitalization threshold for infrastructure assets is \$250,000.

The following are the major classes of capital assets and the related asset lives:

Buildings 40 years
Improvements other than buildings 20 - 40 years
Equipment 5 - 15 years
Infrastructure 40 years

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Compensated Absences**

Employees earn and accumulate annual and sick leave of various rates, depending on the years of service. The amount of annual and sick leave that may be accumulated by each employee is unlimited. Upon termination, employees or the employee's estate are compensated for up to 300 hours of unused annual leave at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of termination. Upon retirement, unused annual leave in excess of 300 hours plus unused sick leave is used to compute retirement benefits. In addition, it is the Authority's policy to pay any accumulated compensatory leave at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of termination.

# **Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Authority has two items that meet this criterion – OPEB-related deferrals and pension-related deferrals. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Authority has three items that meet the criteria for this category – deferred revenue, OPEB-related deferrals and pension-related deferrals.

#### **Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and additions to/deductions from this retirement system's fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the retirement system. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Office of Group Benefits plan and additions to deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OGB. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### **Long-term Obligations**

In the government-wide combined financial statements, long-term obligations are recognized as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities combined statement of net position.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

#### (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Combined Balance Sheet**

Governmental funds include a reconciliation of the combined government-wide statements to the combined governmental fund financial statements. This reconciliation is necessary to bring the financial statements from the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting to the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Major items included in the reconciliation are capital assets, long-term debt, accrued compensated absences, net pension liability, post-employment benefits payable, legal settlement payable, and deferred revenue, which are shown on the government-wide but not the governmental fund statements. The combined statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – governmental funds include reconciliation between net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds and change in net position of governmental activities. Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the combined statement of activities and changes in net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Other differences in recognition include number of months allowed in estimating revenue collections, contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year, classification of changes in long term obligations, pension expense, and post-employment benefit and pension expense.

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control device during the year for the Authority's General Fund, the OLD General Fund, the LBBLD General Fund, the EJLD General Fund, and the OLD Real Estate Fund.

Expenditures are controlled at a major cost category level. Executive Directors may reallocate resources among cost categories and departments so long as aggregate cost does not change. Changes to the budgets that will change total revenue or expense must be approved by the Board.

#### **Budgetary Accounting**

By April 1 of each year, the Board submits the annual budgets to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana for the succeeding fiscal year. The operating and capital budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing.

Original budgets for the 2023 fiscal year were adopted on March 17, 2022 and March 24, 2022. The budgeted amounts are included, respectively, as the original and final budgets in the accompanying Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds Budget and Actual.

#### **Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

For 2023, the Authority implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs). GASB Statement No. 96 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's subscription-based IT arrangements. It establishes requirements for SBITA accounting based on the principle that SBITAs are financings of the right to use an underlying IT asset. A subscriber is required to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right to use subscription asset, and a provider is required to recognize a subscription receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. These changes were incorporated in the Authority's 2023 financial statements and had no effect on the beginning net position of Authority or the fund statements. As of July 1, 2022, the Authority recognized \$439,453 in lease liabilities for its assumption of control of IT assets from providers and a corresponding \$439,453 in right of use SBITA assets. The implementation did not have a material impact on the governmental activities of the Authority.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2023}}$ 

# (1) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

# **Date of Management's Review**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 4, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# (2) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes petty cash and demand deposits. Cash equivalents may include amounts in time deposits, money market mutual funds, commercial paper, and United States Treasury bills.

Aggregate cash and cash equivalents by entity as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Authority	\$ 1,826,447
OLD	91,050
EJLD	46,781
LBBLD	-
LMA	 594,054
Total	\$ 2,558,332

Amounts deposited in banks and investment accounts were as follows:

				Money	U.S. Government				
		Cash	Market Funds		Obligations & Securities		LAMP	 Total	
Balance per agency books	\$	2,558,332	\$	11,723,127	\$	47,965,557	\$ 118,980,466	\$ 181,227,482	
Deposits in bank and investment accounts per banks	\$	2,434,314	\$	11,723,127	\$	47,965,557	\$ 118,980,466	\$ 181,103,464	

The total bank balances will not necessarily equal the deposits in bank account per the combined statement of net position. Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits are secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. All balances are covered by sufficient collateral and FDIC coverage.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

#### (2) <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Investments**

At June 30, 2023, the Authority had an investment of \$118,980,466 with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), which is included in investments. LAMP is stated at amortized cost and is therefore not included in the fair value hierarchy below.

At June 30, 2023, the EJLD and OLD had investments of \$11,723,127 in money market accounts which are broken out separately with the restricted investments. They are stated at amortized cost, and therefore, are not included in the fair value hierarchy below.

The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Authority has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

• U.S. government obligations are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities (Level 1 inputs)

Investment Type	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
U.S. government obligations	\$ 47,965,557	\$ 47,965,557	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 47,965,557</u>	<u>\$ 47,965,557</u>	\$ -	\$ -

#### (3) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

The historical costs of infrastructure assets as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	 Governmental
Bridges and roadways Parks and recreation	\$ 87,016,385 3,595,348
Subtotal – other infrastructure assets	 90,611,733
Flood protection systems	6,721,218,261
Total – infrastructure assets	\$ 6,811,829,994

Accumulated depreciation on infrastructure assets amounted to \$351,762,180 for governmental infrastructure assets at year-end. Certain incomplete infrastructure projects remain classified in construction-in-progress at June 30, 2023.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2023}}$ 

#### (3) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)</u>

A summary of changes in governmental fund type fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

		6/30/2022	Additions Reductions		6/30/2023			
Governmental Activities:				_		_		
Capital assets not being depreciated:								
Land	\$	36,946,736	\$	-	\$	-	\$	36,946,736
Construction-in-progress		32,076,923		10,276,275		(22,006,698)		20,346,500
Total capital assets not being depreciated		69,023,659		10,276,275		(22,006,698)	_	57,293,236
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Buildings		96,040,559		1,409,133		-		97,449,692
Improvements other than buildings		202,085,028		20,195,829		-		222,280,857
Equipment		23,488,990		4,776,467		(217,143)		28,048,314
Infrastructure		6,811,829,994		<u>-</u>				6,811,829,994
Total capital assets being depreciated	,	7,133,444,571		26,381,429		(217,143)		7,159,608,857
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Buildings		30,935,653		3,864,673		-		34,800,326
Improvements other than buildings		92,788,608		6,260,099		-		99,048,707
Equipment		15,165,797		2,606,854		(194,707)		17,577,944
Infrastructure		183,293,543		168,468,637				351,762,180
Total accumulated depreciation		322,183,601	_	181,200,263		(194,707)		503,189,157
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		6,811,260,970		(154,818,834)	-	(22,436)		6,656,419,700
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	6,880,284,629	\$	(144,542,559)	\$	(22,029,134)	\$	6,713,712,936

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

#### (3) <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)</u>

A summary of changes in proprietary type fund fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	(	6/30/2022	Α	dditions	Reductions	(	6/30/2023
Business-Type Activities: Capital assets being depreciated: Equipment	\$	1,231,819	\$	37,981	\$ -	\$	1,269,800
Total capital assets being depreciated		1,231,819		37,981		-	1,269,800
Less accumulated depreciation for:							
Equipment		803,216	_	83,757			886,973
Total accumulated depreciation	_	803,216		83,757			886,973
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		428,603		(45,776)			382,827
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$	428,603	\$	(45,776)	\$ -	\$	382,827

#### (4) <u>RESTRICTED ASSETS</u>

Restricted assets at June 30, 2023, as shown on the Combined Statement of Net Position, amounted to \$11,723,127. Restricted assets consisted of \$11,723,127 in OLD General Fund dedicated to OPEB liabilities.

#### (5) <u>COMPENSATED ABSENCES</u>

The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60 *Compensated Absences*, is recognized as an expense when leave is earned. The combined statement of net position present the cost of accumulated annual and compensatory leave as a liability. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the Authority does not have a policy to pay this amount when employees separate from service. The combined value of accrued annual leave and compensatory leave at June 30, 2023 was \$1,266,002.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS</u>

#### **Plan Description**

Employees of the Authority are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LA RS 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

#### **Retirement Benefits**

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. A rank and file member hired prior to July 1, 2006, may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service and at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015, may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 year of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation, or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service or at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular member, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

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#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Retirement Benefits (Continued)**

Act 226 for the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

#### **Deferred Retirement Benefits**

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

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#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Disability Benefits**

Generally, active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age. Upon reaching retirement age, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees. For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation or 100% of the final average compensation if the injury was the result of an intentional act of violence.

#### **Survivor's Benefits**

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased member who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

A Hazardous Duty Services Plan member's surviving spouse and minor or handicapped or mentally incapacitated child or children are entitled to survivor benefits of 80% of the member's final average compensation if the member was killed in the line of duty. If the member dies in the line of duty as a result of an intentional act of violence, survivor benefits may be increased to 100% of the member's final average compensation.

#### Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LASERS allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

#### **Contributions**

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers along with employer portion of the contribution.

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#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

The employer contribution rates in effect as of June 30, 2022 for the various plans follow:

Appellate Law Clerks	39.50%
Appellate Law Clerks hired on or after 7/01/06	39.50%
Alcohol Tobacco Control	42.60%
Bridge Police	38.60%
Bridge Police hired on or after 7/01/06	38.60%
Corrections Primary	39.00%
Corrections Secondary	43.30%
Harbor Police	14.30%
Hazardous Duty	45.30%
Judges hired before 1/01/11	43.70%
Judges hired after 12/31/10	43.00%
Judges hired on or after 7/01/15	43.00%
Legislators	35.80%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) before 7/01/06	37.60%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) on or after 7/01/06	37.60%
Peace Officers	41.40%
Regular Employees hired before 7/01/06	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/01/06	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 1/01/11	39.50%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/01/15	39.50%
Special Legislative Employees	37.80%
Wildlife Agents	51.20%

The Authority's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023 was 40.40% of annual payroll (46.10% for hazardous duty), actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Authority were \$6,621,872 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **Refunds of Contributions**

If a member leaves covered employment or dies before any benefits become payable on their behalf, the accumulated contributions may be refunded to the member or their designated beneficiary. Similarly, accumulated contributions in excess of any benefits paid to members or their survivors are refunded to the member's beneficiaries or their estates upon cessation of any survivor's benefits.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

## <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions</u>

At June 30, 2023, the Authority reported a liability of \$43,732,274 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Authority's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Authority's proportion was 0.578489%, which was an decrease of .021621% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Authority recognized pension expense of \$5,472,100 plus the Authority's amortization of change in proportionate share and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$548,713.

At June 30, 2023, the Authority 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
Differences between expected		_	 _
and actual experience	\$	119,264	\$ -
Change in assumptions		795,114	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		3,522,479	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		-	932,163
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		6,621,872	 
Total	\$	11,058,729	\$ 932,163

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

#### **(6) RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

Deferred outflows of resources of \$5,377,925 related to pensions resulting from the Authority's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>:

Total	\$ 3,504,694
2027	 2,414,772
2026	(890,731)
2025	727,840
2024	\$ 1,252,813
Year ending June 30:	

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
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Actuarial Assumptions:

**Expected Remaining Service Lives** 2 years

Investment Rate of Return 7.25% per annum. Inflation Rate 2.30% per annum.

Mortality Non-disabled members – The RP-2014 Blue Collar

> (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality

Improvement Scale MP-2018

Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no

projection for mortality improvement

Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions Termination, Disability, and Retirement

were projected based on a five-year (2014-2018)

experience study of the System's members.

Salary increases were projected based on a 2014-2018 Salary Increases experience study of the System's members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

> Lower Upper **Member Type** Range Range Regular 3.0% 12.8% Judges 2.6% 5.1% Corrections 3.6% 13.8% Hazardous Duty 3.6% 13.8% Wildlife 3.6% 13.8%

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NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

#### Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Cost of Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.34% for 2022. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Cash	0%	0.39%
Domestic equity	31%	4.57%
International equity	23%	5.76%
Domestic fixed income	3%	1.48%
International fixed income	17%	5.04%
Alternative investments	26%	8.30%
Total	100%	5.91%

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive 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.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2023

#### (6) <u>RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

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

The following presents the Authority's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

				Current		
	1% Decrease 6.25%		D	scount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%	
Authority's proportionate share						
of the net pension liability	\$	55,027,964	\$	43,732,274	\$	33,432,247

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at <a href="https://www.lasersonline.org">www.lasersonline.org</a>.

#### (7) <u>OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS</u>

The Office of Group Benefits (OGB) administers the State of Louisiana Post-Retirement Benefits Plan – a defined-benefit, multi-employer other postemployment benefit plan. The plan provides medical, prescription drug, and life insurance benefits to retirees, disabled retirees, and their eligible beneficiaries through premium subsidies. Current employees, who participate in an OGB health plan while active, are eligible for plan benefits if they are enrolled in the OGB health plan immediately before the date of retirement and retire under one of the state sponsored retirement systems (Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, or Louisiana State Police Retirement System) or they retire from a participating employer that meets the qualifications in the Louisiana Administrative Code 32:3:303. Benefit provisions are established under LA R.S. 42:851 for health insurance benefits and LA R.S. 42:821 for life insurance benefits. The obligations of the plan members, employer(s), and other contributing entities to contribute to the plan are established or may be amended under the authority of LA R.S. 42:802. The Plan does not issue a stand-alone report.

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75. Effective July 1, 2008, and OPEB trust fund was statutorily established; however, this plan is not administered as a trust and no plan assets have been accumulated as of June 30, 2021. The plan is funded on a "pay-as-you-go basis" under which the contributions to the plan are generally made at about the same time and in about the same amount as benefit payments become due.

Employer Contributions are based on plan premiums and the employer contribution percentage. Premium amounts vary depending on the health plan selected and if the retired member has Medicare coverage. OGB offers retirees four self-insured healthcare plans and one fully insured plan. Retired employees who have Medicare Part A and Part B coverage also have access to four fully insured Medicare Advantage plans. The employer contribution percentage is based on the date of participation in an OGB plan and employee years of service at retirement. Employees who begin participation or rejoin the plan before January 1, 2002, pay approximately 25% of the cost of coverage (except single retirees under age 65, who pay approximately 25% of the active employee cost). For those beginning participation or rejoining on or after January 1, 2002, the percentage of premiums contributed by the employer and retiree is based on the following schedule:

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#### (7) <u>OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</u>

	Employer	Employee
OGB Participation	Share	Share
Under 10 years	19%	81%
10 - 14 years	38%	62%
15 - 19 years	56%	44%
20+ years	75%	25%

In addition to healthcare benefits, retirees may elect to receive life insurance benefits. Basic and supplemental life insurance is available for the individual retirees and spouses of retirees subject to maximum values. Employers pay approximately 50% of monthly premiums for individual retirees. The retiree is responsible for 100% of the premium for dependents. The total monthly premium for retirees varies according to age group.

#### **Total OPEB Liability**

At June 30, 2023, the Authority reported a liability of \$13,287,308 for its proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of July 01, 2021 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Authority's proportionate share of the total collective OPEB liability at June 30, 2021 was based on a projection of the Authority's total OPEB liability relative to the projected total OPEB liability of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At July 01, 2022, the Authority's proportion was .196889%, a decrease of .005949% from its proportion at July 01, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023 the Authority recognized OPEB expense of \$301,602. At June 30, 2023, the employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Ir	Deferred if inflows of esources
Differences between expected				
and actual experience	\$	404,201	\$	-
Change in assumptions		911,303		4,366,314
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,852,062		1,359,085
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		1,132,296		
Total	\$	4,299,862	\$	5,725,399

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#### (7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The \$1,095,614 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs will be recognized in OPEB expense (benefit) as follows:

Year ending June 30:	:	
2024	\$	(452,241)
2025		(586,769)
2026		(955,368)
2027		(563,455)
Total	\$	(2,557,833)

#### Actuarial assumptions and other inputs

The total collective OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial methods, assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal,	level percentage of pay

Expected Remaining Service Lives 4.50 years

Inflation Rate Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2.4%
Salary increase rate Consistent with state's pension plan

Discount rate 4.09% based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-year high grade

rate index

Mortality rates Based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Employee Table, adjusted

by .978 for males and 1.144 for females, projected from 2014 on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale

MP-2018

Healthcare cost trend rates 7.00% for pre-Medicare eligible employees grading down by

.25% each year, beginning in 2023-2024, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2032; 5.50% for post-Medicare eligible employees grading down by .25% each year, beginning in 2023-2024, to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2032-2033 and thereafter; the initial trend was developed using the National Health Care Trend Survey; the ultimate trend was developed using a building block approach which considers Consumer Price Index, Gross Domestic Product, and technology growth.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from the 2.18% as of July 1, 2021 to 4.09 % as of July 1, 2022, and the baseline per capita costs and medical plan election percentages were updated to reflect 2022 claims and enrollment.

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#### (7) OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the primary government of the OGB Plan, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.09%) or one percentage point higher (4.09%) than the current discount rate:

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	3.09%	4.09%	5.09%
Authority's proportionate share			
of the collective total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 15,629,909</u>	<u>\$ 13,287,308</u>	<u>\$ 11,436,872</u>

#### Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the primary government of the OGB Plan, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

		Current			
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase		
Authority's proportionate share					
of the collective total OPEB liability	\$ 11,485,483	<u>\$ 13,287,308</u>	\$ 15,616,697		

#### (8) <u>SUBSCRIPTION BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITAS)</u>

The Authority has entered into various SBITAs for the use of software applications and related services. These arrangements have been recorded as subscription assets and corresponding subscription liabilities on the statement of net position. The Authority recognizes the subscription liability at the commencement of the subscription term, measured as the present value of subscription payments expected to be made during the previously agreed-upon subscription term. The subscription asset is recognized at the same amount as the subscription liability, adjusted for any payments made to the provider at or before the commencement of the subscription term.

The weighted average remaining term on SBITAs was 3.1 years and the weighted average discount rate used to calculate present value of the subscription payments was 2.00% as of June 30, 2023.

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## (8) <u>SUBSCRIPTION BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITAs)</u> (CONTINUED)

The details of the Authority's SBITA assets as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Inception 7/1/2022		Additions	Redu	actions	6/30/2023		
Governmental Activities: Subscription assets Amortization	\$	439,453	\$ 181,533 (149,222)	\$	- -	\$	620,986 (149,222)	
Net right of use assets - SBITAs	\$	439,453	\$ 32,311	\$		\$	471,764	

Subscription assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the asset's useful life or the term of the subscription. Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023, was \$149,222.

Future minimum subscription payments to be paid under these SBITAs are as follows for the years ending June 30, 2022:

	1100	ent Value Payments	 Total Interest	Future Minimum Payments						
2024	\$	150,847	\$ 9,233	\$	160,080					
2025		153,864	6,216		160,080					
2026		156,941	 3,139		160,080					
	\$	461,652	\$ 18,588	\$	480,240					

#### (9) LEASES

The LMA manages and leases boat slips, land, and building space to certain parties. At June 30, 2023, the total cost of the land, buildings and improvements leased to others is \$199 million. At June 30, 2023, these assets had \$94 million of related accumulated depreciation. Current year rents amount to \$7 million, which include \$1.1 million of interest on long-term leases.

The LMA's proprietary funds report lease receivables on leases that convey control to the use of OLD's nonfinancial assets and exist for a maximum term of greater than 12 months. Generally, boat slips are leased on a yearly basis and do not qualify for recognition.

The lease receivable for long-term leases are recognized at the commencement of the lease term at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease period. Lease payments are subject to CPI and fair market value adjustments, depending on the term of the lease and tenant renewal options.

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<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

#### (9) <u>LEASES (CONTINUED)</u>

Future minimum rental payments to be received under these leases are as follows for the years ending June 30, 2023:

	 Present Value of Payments											
	akefront Airport		Orleans Marina		New Basin Canal				NonMajor		Total Interest	are Minimum Payments
2024	\$ 781,718	\$	278,416	\$	524,168	\$	212,230	\$	1,075,687	\$ 2,872,219		
2025	775,932		288,284		542,775		152,667		1,011,016	2,770,674		
2026	780,561		298,509		562,045		108,346		947,875	2,697,336		
2027	794,232		309,095		581,997		29,751		885,903	2,600,978		
2028	590,549		320,054		602,655		-		828,617	2,341,875		
2029 - 2033	770,519		1,693,609		3,167,943		-		3,502,228	9,134,299		
2034 - 2038	423,315		1,526,260		2,558,375		-		2,588,309	7,096,259		
2039 - 2043	187,971		202,151		2,471,474		-		1,996,151	4,857,747		
2044 - 2048	223,862		20,458		2,568,897		-		1,498,790	4,312,007		
2049 - 2053	180,061		24,352		2,363,962		-		1,001,215	3,569,590		
2054 - 2058	16,473		22,779		1,181,297		-		692,322	1,912,871		
2059 - 2063	-		-		904,195		-		484,375	1,388,570		
2064 - 2068	-		-		296,005		-		396,832	692,837		
2069 - 2073	-		-		352,347		-		340,490	692,837		
2074 - 2078	-		-		419,412		-		273,425	692,837		
2079 - 2083	-		-		126,430		-		220,558	346,988		
2084 - 2088	-		-		105,346		-		203,214	308,560		
2089 - 2093	-		-		125,398		-		183,162	308,560		
2094 - 2098	-		-		149,266		-		159,294	308,560		
2099 - 2103	-		-		177,677		-		130,883	308,560		
2104 - 2108	-		-		211,496		-		97,064	308,560		
2109 - 2113	-		-		251,753		-		56,807	308,560		
2114 - 2118	 			_	188,799				11,765	 200,564		
	\$ 5,525,193	\$	4,983,967	\$	20,433,712	\$	502,994	\$	18,585,982	\$ 50,031,848		

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#### (10) LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

#### **Changes in Long-Term Obligations**

The following schedules summarize the changes in long-term debt during the year ended June 30, 2023:

	 Balance 6/30/2022		Additions I		Reductions		Balance 6/30/2023		ne Within
Governmental Activities:									
Compensated absences	\$ 1,189,799	\$	-	\$	(60,884)	\$	1,128,915	\$	-
SBITA liability	-		461,652		-		461,652		150,847
Net pension liability	29,088,177		10,079,287		_		39,167,464		_
Net OPEB liability	 17,619,124		<u>-</u>		(5,109,924)		12,509,200		
·	 				_		_		
Total governmental activities	 47,897,100		10,540,939		(5,170,808)		53,267,231		150,847
Business-Type Activities:									
Compensated absences	114,854		22,233		-		137,087		-
Net pension liabilities	3,941,732		623,078		-		4,564,810		-
Net OPEB liability	954,027		_		(175,919)		778,108		_
Total business-type activities	 5,010,613	_	645,311		(175,919)	_	5,480,005		
Total governmental and									
business-type activities	\$ 52,907,713	\$	11,186,250	\$	(5,346,727)	\$	58,747,236	\$	150,847

#### (11) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A variety of claims have been made against the Authority and its districts in a number of pending lawsuits. Management has regular litigation reviews, including updates from outside counsel, to assess the need for accounting recognition or disclosure of these contingencies. The Authority accrues an undiscounted liability for those contingencies when the incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If a range of amounts can be reasonably estimated and no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount, then the minimum of the range is accrued. The Authority does not record liabilities when the likelihood that the liability has been incurred is probable, but the amount cannot be reasonably estimated or when the liability is believed to be only reasonably possible or remote. For contingencies where an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible and which are significant, the Authority discloses the nature of the contingency and, where feasible, an estimate of the possible loss. For purposes of our contingency disclosures, "significant" includes material matters as well as other matters which management believes should be disclosed. The Authority and its districts will continue to defend itself vigorously in these matters. Based on a consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, the Authority does not believe the ultimate outcome of any currently pending lawsuit against the Authority will have a material, or adverse effect upon the Authority's operations, financial condition, or financial statements taken as a whole.

It is the opinion of the Authority, after conferring with legal counsel for the Authority, that several of the potential claims against the Authority, while not classified as "probably," do not have the reasonable possibility of an unfavorable outcome, so no liability has been booked.

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#### (11) <u>CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Non-Federal Sponsorship of USACE Projects**

The Authority has served as the local sponsor for many US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects over the past decades. The USACE and the Authority are currently determining the full extent of the Authority's financial share of many of these projects, generally 25-35% of engineering and construction costs. Management expects that a range of \$13,500,000 to \$27,000,000 will ultimately be due to the USACE from OLD. Since no amount within the range is considered to be a better estimate than any other amount, the Authority has recorded \$13,500,000 as the estimate of the liability due to the USACE.

#### **Federally Assisted Grant Programs**

The Authority participates in a number of federally-assisted grant programs. The programs are subject to compliance audits under the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Grant Guidance. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement by the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grants. The Authority believes that the amount of disallowances, if any, which may arise from future audits, will not be material.

#### **Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans**

The Lakefront Management Authority had issues with public infrastructure leading to water leaks during the year ended June 30, 2021 and continuing into the 2023 fiscal year. The LMA had approximately \$4.6 million in water charges from the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWB) as of June 30, 2022. Management recorded a payable of approximately \$670,000 as of June 30, 2022 while it negotiated with the SWB. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the LMA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the SWB and agreed to be \$800,000 at signing and 24 monthly installment payments totaling \$289,968. Since the agreement was in excess of the payable recorded as of June 30, 2022, there are approximately \$420,000 of utilities expense recorded in 2023 that were paid to settle the dispute.

#### (12) <u>DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLE BALANCES</u>

The following table displays the June 30, 2023 balances in receivables by each District's governmental activities:

	Au	thority	OLD	 EJLD	L	BBLD	 LMA	 OLD SLIP	G	Total overnment
Ad valorem taxes Customers and other, net	\$	4,989	\$ 1,508,562 521,483	\$ 41,766 20,427	\$	7,584 <u>-</u>	\$ 63	\$ 438,526 909	\$	1,996,438 547,871
Total governmental activities	\$	4,989	\$ 2,030,045	\$ 62,193	\$	7,584	\$ 63	\$ 439,435	\$	2,544,309

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#### (12) <u>DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLE BALANCES (CONTINUED)</u>

The following table displays the June 30, 2023 balances in receivables by each District's business-type activities:

	 Southshore Harbor	 Lakefront Airport	 Orleans Marina	_	New Basin Canal	_	NonMajor	В	Total susiness-Type
Customers and other, net	\$ 112,534	\$ 323,708	\$ 54,219	\$	(857)	\$	124,038	\$	613,642
Total business-type	\$ 112,534	\$ 323,708	\$ 54,219	\$	(857)	\$	124,038	\$	613,642

All amounts are due or expected to be collected within one year.

#### **Ad Valorem Taxes**

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes were levied by each district in November and billed to the taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

Louisiana Constitution provides that the OLD may levy an annual tax not to exceed 2.5 mills to construct and maintain levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and all other incidental purposes. If the OLD needs to raise additional funds in excess of the amount authorized by the constitution, the taxes in excess of 2.5 mills must be approved by a majority vote of the electors of Orleans Parish. By 1983, the 2.5 mill constitutional tax was reestablished at 5.46 mills and the special levee improvement tax was reestablished at 6.07 mills.

By general election held in the City of New Orleans in 1983, the voters of Orleans Parish elected to continue the 6.07 mill ad valorem tax on assessed property for 30 years (1985-2015) to finance hurricane and flood protection projects and fund the retirement of levee improvement bonds. The electorate also approved an ongoing maintenance tax of 0.75 mills for maintaining the flood protection system.

On November 6, 2012, the citizens of the City of New Orleans voted to approve a renewal and rededication of the 6.07 mill tax for an additional 30 years. This included 5.46 mills dedicated to constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and all other purposes incidental thereto including debt service payments, as well as 0.61 mills for operation and maintenance of non-revenue producing assets not directly related to drainage, flood control, or water resources development pertaining to tidewater flooding, hurricane control, or saltwater intrusion.

The OLD collects three ad valorem taxes: constitutional, maintenance and special levee improvement tax. All tax other than provided in constitution must have approval of the voters of Orleans Parish. The citizens of New Orleans did approve the special levee improvement and maintenance tax.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>JUNE 30, 2023</u>

#### (12) <u>DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLE BALANCES (CONTINUED)</u>

#### **Ad Valorem Taxes (Continued)**

The millages are currently as shown in the table below:

	Authorized	Levied 2023
Parish-wide taxes:	_	
Constitutional	5.46	4.97
Maintenance	0.75	.68
Levee improvement _	6.07	5.53
_	12.28	11.18

East Jefferson Levee District – The Louisiana Constitution provides that for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and all other purposes incidental thereto, the levee districts may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills. If the EJLD needs to raise additional funds in excess of the amount collected constitutionally, the taxes in excess of five mills must be approved by a majority vote of the electors. The following table shows the maximum rates as well as the rates billed during the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Authorized	Levied 2023
Parish-wide taxes: Constitutional	3.88	3.88
	3.88	3.88

Lake Borgne Basin Levee District – The Louisiana Constitution provides that for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and all other purposes incidental thereto, the levee districts may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills. If the LBBLD needs to raise additional funds in excess of the amount collected constitutionally, the taxes in excess of five mills must be approved by a majority vote of the electors.

The following table shows the maximum rates as well as the rates billed during the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Authorized	Levied 2023	Effective Years
Parish-wide taxes:			
Constitutional	3.99	3.99	
Maintenance	3.13	3.13	2015 - 2044
	7.12	7.12	

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### (13) <u>DISAGGREGATION OF PAYABLE BALANCES</u>

The following table displays the June 30, 2023 balances in payables by each governmental activity:

	 Authority	 OLD	_	EJLD	LBB	LD_	_	LMA	_	OLD SLIP	G	Total overnment
Vendors and employees Contractor payables	\$ 2,777,338	\$ - -	\$	11,330	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	478,714 <u>-</u>	\$	622,075	\$	3,256,052 633,405
Total governmental activities	\$ 2,777,338	\$ _	\$	11,330	\$		\$	478,714	\$	622,075	\$	3,889,457

The following table displays the June 30, 2023 balances in payables by each business-type activity:

	outhshore Harbor	I	akefront Airport	 Orleans Marina		 New Basin Canal	_	NonMajor		Bu	Total siness-Type
Vendors and employees Contractor payables	\$ 35,288	\$	62,502	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 40,155	\$	- -		\$	102,657 35,288
Total business-type	\$ 35,288	\$	62,502	\$	_	\$ 40,155	\$		1	\$	137,945

All amounts are payable within one year. Due from other governments represents amounts to be received from Federal Emergency Management Agency and other grantors. As of June 30, 2023, the Authority had a balance of \$4,502,855 due from other governments. The balance due to other agencies was \$13,502,699 as of June 30, 2023, which was primarily due to the USACE.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  $\underline{\text{JUNE 30, 2023}}$ 

#### (14) <u>INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS</u>

Due to and due from accounts are netted in the governmental funds and statement of activities to arrive at one balance for each fund. The disaggregation of due to and due from accounts at June 30, 2023 is as follows:

		Due From	Due To		
Governmental Funds	(	Other Funds	Other Funds		
Authority	\$	3,970,681	\$	2,724,786	
OLD		2,357,316		11,537,734	
EJLD		940,576		1,859,660	
LBBLD		237,355		1,127,943	
LMA OLD Real Estate		20,606,296		21,806,277	
LMA General Improvement		-		2,166,849	
OLD SLIP		10,429,978		555,059	
Total Governmental Funds		38,542,202		41,778,308	
Proprietary Funds					
SSH		-		1,931,904	
LFA		-		16,500,863	
OM		7,511,748		-	
NBC		330,557		-	
Nonmajor		13,970,722		144,154	
Total Proprietary Funds		21,813,027		18,576,921	
Total	\$	60,355,229	\$	60,355,229	

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JUNE 30, 2023

#### (14) <u>INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)</u>

Transfers between funds during the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Transfers In			Transfers Out			
<b>Governmental Funds</b>							
Authority	\$	10,938,976	\$	-			
OLD		2,393,941		6,750,865			
EJLD		-		3,291,291			
LBBLD		_		1,323,113			
Total governmental funds		13,332,917		11,365,269			
Proprietary Funds							
LFA		_		1,967,648			
Total proprietary funds	_	_		1,967,648			
Total	\$	13,332,917	\$	13,332,917			

#### (15) TAX ABATEMENT

#### **East Jefferson Levee District**

As of December 31, 2022, the Parish provides tax abatements primarily through one program – the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) program. In addition, the State of Louisiana offers a number of programs that provide tax abatements within the Parish including the Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) Program, and the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP). Details of each program follow.

Jefferson Parish (the Parish) enters into ad valorem (property) tax abatement agreements with local businesses through its economic development arm - the Jefferson Parish Economic Development and Port District (JEDCO). JEDCO is authorized under LRS 34:2021 et seq, as well as LRS 39:991 to 1001, inclusive, and other constitutional and statutory authority to acquire, own, lease, rent, repair, renovate, improve, finance, sell and dispose of facilities that are determined by JEDCO to be instrumental to the removal of blight, the redevelopment of distressed areas, or to promote economic development through the creation of jobs, or to enhance the tax base of Jefferson Parish through the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of improvements, other than for public utility facilities. JEDCO utilizes a Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) program, which includes a sale-leaseback agreement on targeted facilities whereby JEDCO, a political subdivision exempt from property taxes, takes title to the property and leases the property back to the business. Rent or lease payments are then made to the local governments in lieu of ad valorem (property) taxes on the property. The amounts of the payments under the agreements are negotiated between JEDCO and the business and can result in partial or total tax abatements. The payments are then made over an agreed-upon number of years (typically anywhere from 3 to 20 years). JEDCO typically sets dollar investment thresholds, as well as job creation or retention goals within the agreement. Failure to comply with these thresholds can affect the amount of tax abatement on a go forward basis. There are currently six active PILOT programs in the Parish. Payments received or due at June 30, 2023 under these PILOT agreements amounted to \$1,611,626.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

#### (15) TAX ABATEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### **East Jefferson Levee District (Continued)**

The Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) program is an economic development incentive created for use by municipalities and local governments to encourage the expansion, restoration, improvement, and development of existing commercial and residential properties in Downtown Development Districts, Economic Development Districts, or Historic Districts. The Parish has several eligible districts on both the east and west banks of the river. The program is authorized under LRS 47:4311-4319 and is administered by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED). Abatements are obtained through application by the property owner, subject to approval by the Governor, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, and the local governing authority (i.e., the Parish), which includes proof that the property is in a targeted district and that the improvements have been made. The program allows the owner the right for five (5) years, to pay ad valorem taxes based on the assessed valuation of the property for the year prior to the commencement of the project. Thus, the RTA abatement is equal to 100 percent of the additional ad valorem (property) tax resulting from the increase in assessed value as a result of the improvements. The contract may be eligible for renewal, subject to the same conditions, for an additional five (5) years, if approved.

Under this program, the amount of the improvements (i.e., the "contract value") is not included in the tax assessment until the abatement period has ended and the property is assessed with the improvements taken into account. Because the Parish Assessor does not reassess the value of the property until the abatement period has expired, it is not possible to calculate the true amount of taxes abated in anyone year. The amounts shown are the estimated maximum amount of taxes that would be abated if the full contract value as adjusted for depreciation were added to the assessed value (which would hardly ever be the case). The actual amount of taxes abated can be substantially less than what is noted.

At December 31, 2022, there were 11 active RTA abatement contracts in the Parish.

The Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is a full, 100 percent exemption from local ad valorem (property) taxes as authorized in the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Part 2, Section 21(F), as amended by the Governor's Executive Order No. JBE 2016-26. Participating companies are eligible to receive an initial five (5) year exemption, plus the opportunity for a five (5) year renewal, for a total often (10) years of full exemption from local property taxes. The program is available only to manufacturers. Manufacturing businesses are defined as those with a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code of 31, 32, or 33. General categories include food manufacturers and manufacturers of durable and non-durable goods. The types of specific businesses eligible to receive ITEP exemptions are varied, including fertilizer and pesticide manufacturers, petrochemical manufacturers, industrial equipment and machinery manufacturers, and even breweries. Up until now, Louisiana has had no job creation or capital investment thresholds required for eligibility. The exemption applies to all improvements to land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and any other property that is part of the manufacturing process. Maintenance capital (i.e., property replacements and refurbishments) is also eligible for the exemption. The land on which the manufacturing establishment is located is not eligible for the exemption. An advance notification of intent to apply for the tax exemption is filed with the Louisiana Office of Economic Development (LED) Office of Business Development. The LED then presents the application to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry for review and approval. The applicant files an annual report with the Parish Assessor listing the exempted property so that it may be separately listed on the tax rolls. While the ITEP program is still available and being used, the recent Governor's Executive Order has placed several limitations and new criteria on the ITEP program until the statute could be revisited. At December 31, 2022, there are 82 active ITEP abatements in the Parish

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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#### (15) TAX ABATEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### **East Jefferson (Continued)**

The amount of tax abatements granted during 2023 under each program is as follows:

Source/Tax Abatement Program	Type of Tax	 rish's Share of axes Abated	East Jefferson Levee District's Portion		
RTA Program	Ad Valorem	\$ 634,605	\$	6,342	
ITEP Program	Ad Valorem	\$ 4,875,023	\$	48,719	

#### Lake Borgne Basin

The St. Bernard Parish Assessor (the "Assessor") negotiates property tax abatement agreements on the Parish's behalf on an individual basis. Each agreement was negotiated for a variety of economic development purposes, including business relocation, retention, and expansion. The Assessor has tax abatement agreements with five entities as of December 31, 2022.

Five oil and gas companies, through an agreement negotiated with the Industrial Tax Exemption program has property assessed at \$54,662,221 with exempt taxes of \$7,712,889. The Parish's portion of these taxes was \$2,788,173. Lake Borgne Basin Levee District's portion of the amount of taxes abated was approximately \$140,000 for the tax year ended December 31, 2022.

The Industrial Tax Exemption program may be granted to manufacturers located within the Parish. The Industrial Tax Exemption program abates, up to ten years, local property taxes on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing sale. The Assessor has not made any commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce taxes. The Parish is not subject to any tax abatement agreements entered into by other governmental entities other than the Assessor.

#### **Orleans Parish**

The local government is subject to certain property tax abatements granted by the Louisiana State Board of Commerce and Industry (the "State Board"), a state entity governed by board members representing major economic groups and gubernatorial appointees. Abatements to which the government may be subject include those issued for property taxes under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program ("RTAP").

Under the RTAP, as authorized by Article 7, Section 21(H) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:4311, companies that expand, restore, improve, or develop an existing structure or structures in a downtown, historic, or economic development district can apply to the State Board and the local governing authority for a property tax exemption. The exemptions are granted for a 5-year term and are renewable for an additional 5-year term upon the approval of the State Board and the local governing authority. The property tax abatements have resulted in reductions of property taxes, which the tax assessor administers as a temporary reduction in the assessed value of the property involved.

The abatement agreements stipulate a percentage reduction of property taxes, which can be as much as 100 percent. The local government may recapture abated taxes if a company fails to expand facilities or otherwise fail to fulfill its commitments under the agreement. The City Council of the City of New Orleans approved tax abatement projects of which \$774,481 was for the District.



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	Budgetary Amounts	Actual on Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Tax revenue	\$ 56,095,500	\$ 68,228,568	\$ 12,133,068
Intergovernmental revenues	2,379,700	1,654,425	(725,275)
Mineral revenue	256,300	749,501	493,201
Operating grants	-	4,774,847	4,774,847
Miscellaneous income	2,479,300	2,659,112	179,812
Investment income (loss)	97,000	4,165,398	4,068,398
Total revenues	61,307,800	82,231,851	20,924,051
EXPENDITURES:			
Personnel services	24,762,258	21,032,168	3,730,090
Travel and training	285,500	110,000	175,500
Professional services	1,241,500	852,538	388,962
Contractual services	9,608,800	12,106,987	(2,498,187)
Materials and supplies	2,934,300	3,400,768	(466,468)
Other charges	2,121,500	2,650,429	(528,929)
Capital outlays	54,152,950	12,990,816	41,162,134
Total expenditures	95,106,808	53,143,706	41,963,102
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over			
(under) expenditures	(33,799,008)	29,088,145	62,887,153
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Gain/(loss) on sale of capital assets	243,000	9,105	(233,895)
Net transfers	-	495,149	495,149
Litigation settlements		(5,250)	(5,250)
Total other financing (uses)	243,000	499,004	256,004
Net change in fund balance	(33,556,008)	29,587,149	
Fund balance, beginning of year	138,978,909	138,978,909	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 105,422,901	\$ 168,566,058	

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM Authority's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02162%	0.60011%	0.59881%	0.59261%	0.59517%	0.52523%	0.51519%	0.50896%	0.50639%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 43,732,274 \$	33,029,909 \$	49,525,338 \$	42,933,936 \$	40,590,092 \$	36,970,047 \$	40,455,876 \$	34,616,895 \$	31,663,892
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 14,189,776 \$	14,979,528 \$	13,231,864 \$	11,875,698 \$	10,370,537 \$	9,590,382 \$	8,998,164 \$	8,638,094 \$	8,934,255
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	308.20%	220.50%	374.29%	361.53%	391.40%	385.49%	449.60%	400.75%	354.41%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	63.7%	72.8%	58.0%	62.9%	62.5%	62.5%	57.7%	62.7%	65.0%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30th of the prior year.

### SCHEUDLE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS <u>LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS</u>

	2022	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM									
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 6,621,872	\$ 5,377,925	\$ 5,677,241	\$ 5,385,369	\$ 4,500,890	\$ 3,932,736	\$ 3,434,588	\$ 3,353,153	\$ 3,285,657
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(6,621,872)	(5,377,925)	_(5,677,241)	(5,385,369)	(4,500,890)	(3,932,736)	(3,434,588)	(3,353,153)	(3,285,657)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ -	\$ -
Authority's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 16,390,771	\$ 14,189,776	\$ 14,979,528	\$ 13,231,864	\$ 11,875,698	\$ 10,370,537	\$ 9,590,382	\$ 8,998,164	\$ 8,638,094
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	40.40%	37.90%	37.90%	40.70%	37.90%	37.92%	35.81%	37.26%	38.04%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

## SCHEUDLE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COLLECTIVE NET OPEB LIABILITY $\underline{\mathsf{LAST}}\ \mathsf{TEN}\ \mathsf{FISCAL}\ \mathsf{YEARS}^*$

	 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS Authority's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.19690%	0.20284%	0.20706%	0.20291%	0.19613%	0.24770%	0.24770%
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 13,287,308 \$	18,573,151 \$	17,154,205 \$	15,669,722 \$	16,742,568 \$	16,634,063 \$	17,365,578
Authority's Covered Payroll	\$ 12,349,942 \$	12,719,075 \$	12,640,391 \$	11,135,266 \$	11,875,698 \$	10,370,537 \$	9,590,382
Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	107.59%	146.03%	135.71%	140.72%	140.98%	160.40%	181.07%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

<sup>\*</sup>The amounts presented have a measurement date of July 1 of the prior year.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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#### (1) <u>PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES</u>

#### **Change of Benefit Terms**

For the valuation year ended June 30, 2017, there was a 1.5% cost of living increase effective July 1, 2016, provided by Acts 93 and 512 of the 2016 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session and added benefits for members of the Harbor Police Retirement System which was merged with LASERS effective July 1, 2015 by Act 648 of 2014.

For the valuation year ended June 30, 2016, there was a 1.5% COLA, effective July 1, 2014, provided by Act 102 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, and, improved benefits for certain members employed by the Office of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections as established by Act 852 of 2014.

There were no changes in benefit terms during any other years presented.

#### **Changes of Assumptions**

For the valuation year ended June 30, 2022, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.60% to 7.25%. The inflation rate was also decreased from 2.5% to 2.3%.

For the valuation year ended June 30, 2021, the investment rate of return was increased from 7.55% to 7.60%. The inflation rate was also increased from 2.3% to 2.5%.

For the valuation year ended June 30, 2020, the investment rate of return was decreased from 7.60% to 7.55%. The inflation rate was also decreased from 2.5% to 2.3%. The remaining expected service lives assumption was reduced from 3 years to 2 years.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.65% to 7.60%. LASERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 2.75% to 2.50%. Additionally, LASERS adjusted its expected remaining service lives from 3 years to 2 years. Mortality rates used changed from RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015 to RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected using the MP-2018. The adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 3.4% - 14.3% to 3.2% - 14.0%.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.70% to 7.65%.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the LASERS adjusted its assumption of the investment rate of return and the discount rate from 7.75% to 7.70%. LASERS lowered its inflation rate assumption from 3.0% to 2.75%. Additionally, LASERS adjusted the ranges of its salary increase assumptions from 3.6%-14.5% to 3.4%-14.3%.

There were no changes in assumptions during any other years presented.

## SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

#### (2) OPEB SCHEDULE

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the requirements in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75 to pay related benefits.

#### **Change of Benefit Terms**

There were no changes in benefit terms for the valuation dates presented.

#### **Changes of Assumptions**

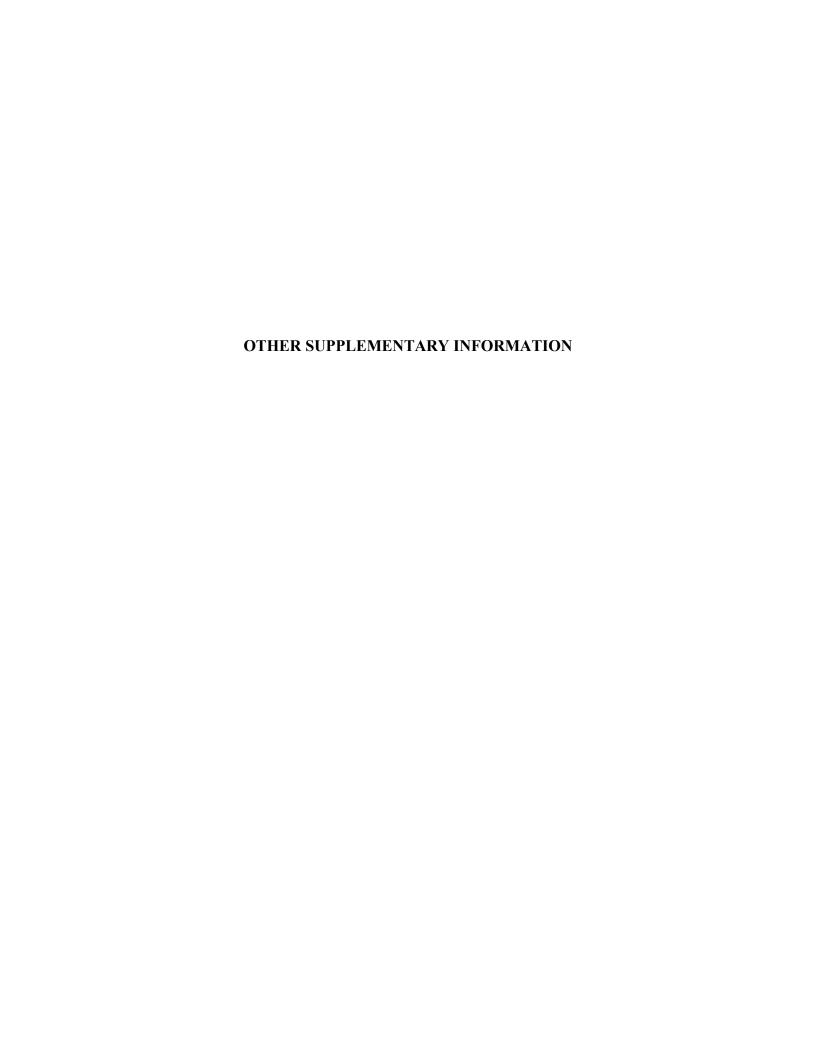
For the July 1, 2022 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.18% to 4.09%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2022 claims and enrollment. Medical plan election percentages were updated based on the coverage elections of recent retirees.

For the July 1, 2021 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.66% to 2.13%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2021 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2022 premiums. 2021 medical claims and enrollment experience were reviewed but not included in the projection of expected 2022 plan costs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actuary does not believe this experience is reflective of what can be expected in future years. The salary scale assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

For the July 1, 2020 valuation, the discount rate changed from 2.79% to 2.66%. Baseline per capita costs (PCCs) were updated to reflect 2020 claims and enrollment for the prescription drug costs and retiree contributions were updated based on 2021 premiums. 2020 medical claims and enrollment experience were reviewed but not included in the projection of expected 2021 plan costs. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the actuary does not believe this experience is reflective of what can be expected in future years. The salary scale assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

For the July 1, 2019 valuation, the discount rate was adjusted to 2.79%. Additionally, per capita costs and premiums were updated, certain demographic assumptions were revised, high cost excise tax was removed, and life insurance contributions were adjusted.

For the July 1, 2018 valuation, the discount rate has decreased from 3.13% to 2.98%. Baseline per capita costs were updated to reflect 2018 claims and enrollment and retiree contributions were updated based on 2019 premiums. The impact of the High Cost Excise Tax was revisited, reflecting updated plan premiums. Demographic assumptions were revised for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to reflect recent experience studies. The mortality assumption for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System was updated from the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant and Employee tables for males and females with generational projections using projection scale MP-2017 to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant and Employee tables for males and females using projection scale MP-2018. The percentage of future retirees assumed to elect medical coverage was modified based on recent plan experience.

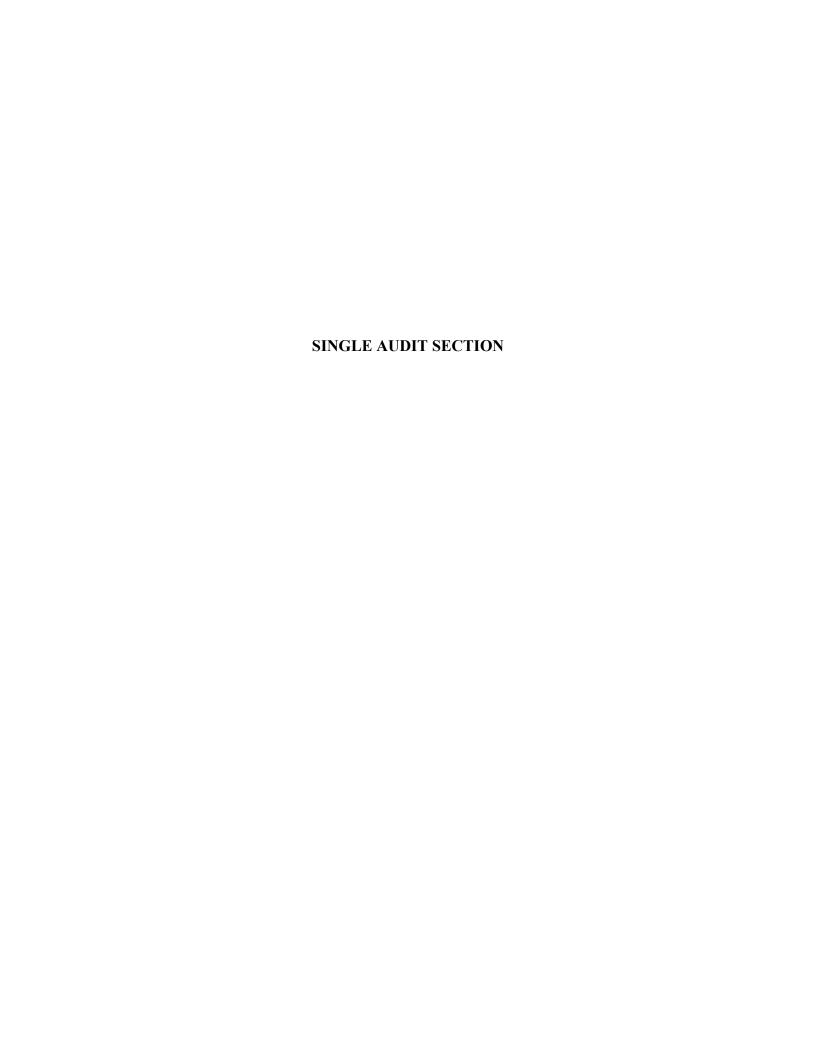


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Agency Head:

Kelli Chandler (Regional Director)

	Kelli Chandler			
Salary	\$	182,318		
Benefits-health insurance		9,613		
Benefits-retirement		73,657		
Benefits-life insurance		202		
Benefits-FICA and Medicare		2,737		
Car allowance		9,000		
Cell Phone		1,058		
Dues		1,500		
Registration fees	-	1,100		
	\$	281,185		





# 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

To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board New Orleans, Louisiana

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 *Governmental Audit Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (the "Authority") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 4, 2023.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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.



To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board October 4, 2023

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the boards of commissioners, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

October 4, 2023 New Orleans, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board New Orleans, Louisiana

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East's (the "Authority") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Authority's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Authority's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.



To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board October 4, 2023

### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding The Authority's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of The Authority's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Authority's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.



To the Board of Commissioners Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East and Lakefront Management Authority Board October 4, 2023

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

October 4, 2023 New Orleans, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

Guikson Keenty, LLP

### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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Federal Grantor/Pass-Through or Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grant Number	Ex	Federal xpenditures
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Pass - Through Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security				
and Emergency Preparedness				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared)	97.036	FEMA-DR-3543-LA	\$	17,024
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4484-LA		284,183
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4458-LA		74,470
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4577-LA		125,199
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared)	97.036	FEMA-DR-4611-LA		4,187,768
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				4,688,644
Federal Aviation Administration				
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	03-22-0038-034-2021		12,732
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	03-22-0038-037-2022		1,716,652
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	H.014436		136,345
Total Federal Aviation Administration				1,865,729
Total expenditures of federal awards			\$	6,554,373

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – SCOPE OF AUDIT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND TITLE 2 U.S. CODE OF FEDERAL REGULUATIONS PART 200, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS (UNIFORM GUIDANCE)

All federal grant operations of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East ("the Authority) are included in the scope of the single audit. The program which was a major program and was selected for specific testing was:

Airport Improvement Program (AL No. 20.106)

### **NOTE 2 – FISCAL PERIOD AUDIT**

Single audit testing procedures were performed for program transactions occurring during the year ended June 30, 2023.

### NOTE 3 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Grant revenues are recorded for financial reporting purposes when the Authority has met the qualifications for the respective grants.

### **Accrued and Deferred Reimbursement**

Various reimbursement procedures are used for federal awards received by the Authority. Consequently, timing differences between expenditures and program reimbursements can exist at the beginning and end of the year. Accrued balances at year end represent an excess of reimbursable expenditures over cash reimbursements and expenditures will be reversed in the remaining grant period.

### **Pass-Through Entity Information**

Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

### Payments to Subrecipients

There were no payments to subrecipients for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

### **NOTE 4 – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The Authority has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

### A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East.
- 2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the 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*.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East were reported in the 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*.
- 4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- 5. The independent auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East expresses an unmodified opinion.
- 6. There were no audit findings required to be reported—in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a).
- 7. No management letter was issued for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- 8. The program tested as a major program was:

**AL Number** 

Airport Improvement Program

20.106

- 9. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 10. Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

#### B. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS RELATED TO MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

There were no findings related to major federal award programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

### SECTION I - FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

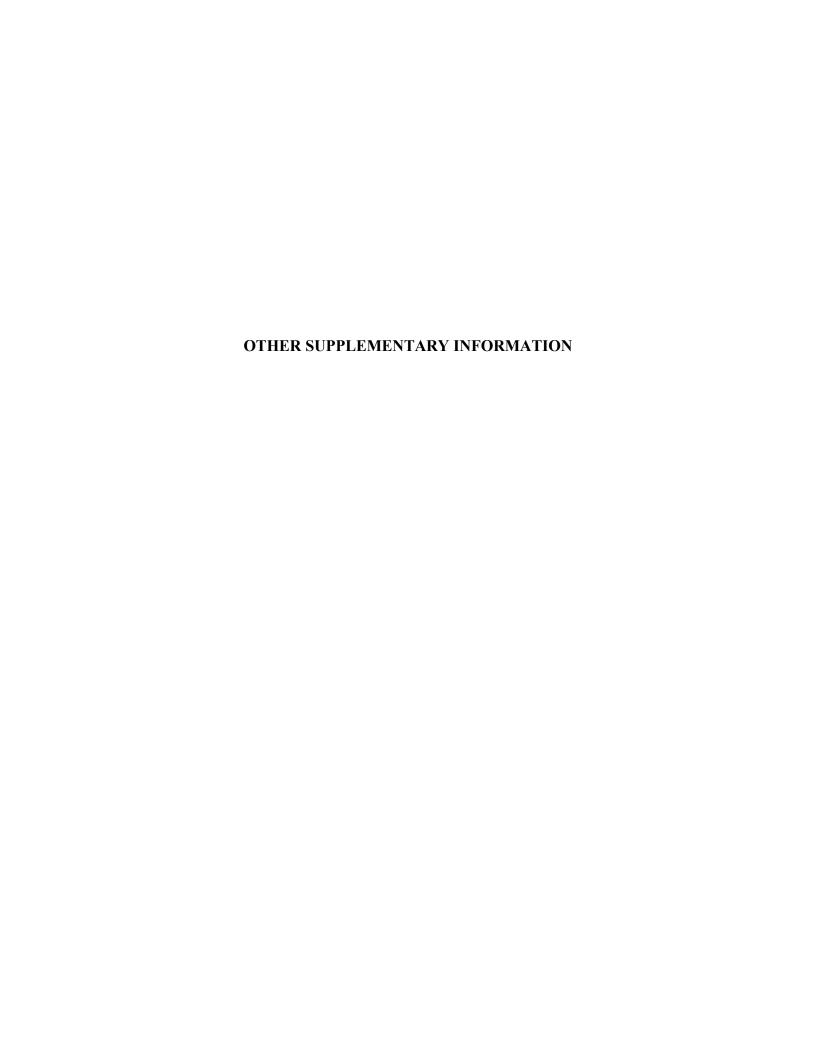
There were no findings related to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

# SECTION II - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS RELATED TO MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

There were no findings related to major federal award programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

### **SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER**

There was no management letter for the year ended June 30, 2022.



AGENCY: 20-28-01 - Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East

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### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION	
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,558,332.00
RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	0.00
INVESTMENTS	166,946,023.00
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	11,723,127.00
DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00
RECEIVABLES (NET)	3,157,951.00
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00
LEASES RECEIVABLE (NET)	1,796,532.00
P3 RECEIVABLE (NET) (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00
AMOUNTS DUE FROM PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	0.00
DUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,502,855.00
INVENTORIES	436,817.00
PREPAYMENTS	0.00
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	2,756,506.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$193,878,143.00
NONCURRENT ASSETS:	
RESTRICTED ASSETS:	
CASH	0.00
INVESTMENTS	0.00
RECEIVABLES (NET)	0.00
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00
OTHER	0.00
INVESTMENTS	0.00
RECEIVABLES (NET)	0.00
NOTES RECEIVABLE	0.00
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE (NET)	0.00
LEASES RECEIVABLE (NET)	29,649,334.00
P3 RECEIVABLE (NET) (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION)	
LAND	36,946,736.00
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	62,649,366.00
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	10,853,197.00
INFRASTRUCTURE	6,583,299,964.00
OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS	0.00
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	20,346,500.00
INTANGIBLE RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS:	
LEASED LAND	0.00
LEASED BUILDING & OFFICE SPACE	0.00
LEASED MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0.00
SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITA)	471,764.00
PUBLIC-PRIVATE AND PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (P3) (Only relates to Operator)	0.00
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS	0.00
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	\$6,744,216,861.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,938,095,004.00

#### DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

UNEARNED REVENUE

TOTAL LIABILITIES

TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

**FOR 2023** AGENCY: 20-28-01 - Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East PREPARED BY: Maria Chedid PHONE NUMBER: 504-286-3126 EMAIL ADDRESS: mchedid@floodauthority.org SUBMITTAL DATE: 11/06/2023 12:18 PM DEFERRED AMOUNTS ON DEBT REFUNDING 0.00 0.00 LEASE RELATED P3-RELATED (Only relates to Operator) 0.00 GRANTS PAID PRIOR TO MEETING TIME REQUIREMENTS 0.00 INTRA-ENTITY TRANSFER OF FUTURE REVENUES (TRANSFEREE) 0.00 LOSSES FROM SALE-LEASEBACK TRANSACTIONS 0.00 DIRECT LOAN ORIGINATION COSTS FOR MORTGAGE LOANS HELD FOR SALE 0.00 ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS OPEB-RELATED 4,299,862.00 PENSION-RELATED 11,058,729.00 TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES \$15,358,591.00 TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES \$6,953,453,595.00 LIABILITIES **CURRENT LIABILITIES:** ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS 4,331,462.00 ACCRUED INTEREST 0.00 DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS 0.00 AMOUNTS DUE TO PRIMARY GOVERNMENT 0.00 DUE TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 13,502,699.00 AMOUNTS HELD IN CUSTODY FOR OTHERS 0.00 UNEARNED REVENUES 475,533.00 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES 478,916.00 **CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:** CONTRACTS PAYABLE 668,693.00 COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE 0.00 LEASE LIABILITY 0.00 SBITA LIABILITY 150.847.00 P3 LIABILITY (Only relates to Operator) ESTIMATED LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS 0.00 NOTES PAYABLE 0.00 BONDS PAYABLE 0.00 OPEB LIABILITY 0.00 POLLUTION REMEDIATION OBLIGATIONS 0.00 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES 0.00 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$19,608,150.00 NONCURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM LIABILITIES: CONTRACTS PAYABLE 0.00 COMPENSATED ABSENCES PAYABLE 1,266,002.00 LEASE LIABILITY 0.00 SBITA LIABILITY 310,805.00 P3 LIABILITY (Only relates to Operator) 0.00 ESTIMATED LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS 0.00 NOTES PAYABLE 0.00 BONDS PAYABLE 0.00 OPEB LIABILITY 13,287,308.00 NET PENSION LIABILITY 43,732,274.00 POLLUTION REMEDIATION OBLIGATIONS 0.00 OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES 0.00

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0.00

\$58,596,389.00

\$78.204.539.00

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### DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

ACCUMULATED INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF HEDGING DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS	0.00
DEFERRED AMOUNTS ON DEBT REFUNDING	0.00
LEASE RELATED	30,456,802.00
P3-RELATED (Only relates to Transferor)	0.00
GRANTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MEETING TIME REQUIREMENTS	0.00
SALES/INTRA-ENTITY TRANSFER OF FUTURE REVENUES (TRANSFEROR)	0.00
GAINS FROM SALE-LEASEBACK TRANSACTIONS	0.00
SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENTS	0.00
POINTS RECEIVED ON LOAN ORIGINATION	0.00
LOAN ORIGINATION FEES RECEIVED FOR MORTGAGE LOANS HELD FOR SALE	0.00
OPEB-RELATED	5,725,399.00
PENSION-RELATED	932,163.00
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$37,114,364.00

NET POSITION: NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	6,713,437,182.00
RESTRICTED FOR:	-,, -, -,,
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00
DEBT SERVICE	0.00
NONEXPENDABLE	0.00
EXPENDABLE	0.00
OTHER PURPOSES	500,000.00
UNRESTRICTED	\$124,197,510.00
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$6,838,134,692.00

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NET POSITION - ENDING

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#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

\$6,838,134,692.00

PROGRAM REVENUES			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE
8,059,265.00	6,603,751.00	0.00	\$(213,227,334.00)
TENUES			
OM PRIMARY GOVERNMEN	Γ		0.00
			78,373,771.00
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT	r'S		0.00
ET POSITION			\$(134,853,563.00)
- BEGINNING			\$6,972,988,255.00
- RESTATEMENT			0.00
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### DUES AND TRANSFERS

Account Type Amounts due from Primary Government	Intercompany (Fund)		Amount	
		Total		\$0.00
Account Type Amounts due to Primary Government	Intercompany (Fund)		Amount	
		Total		\$0.00

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### SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE

Series Issue	Date of Issue	Original Issue Amount	Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	Interest Outstanding CFY
		0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Series - Unamortiz	zed Premiums:					
Series Issue	Date of Issue		Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	
			0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Series - Unamortiz	zed Discounts:					
Series Issue	Date of Issue		Principal Outstanding PFY	Issue (Redeemed)	Principal Outstanding CFY	
			0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
		Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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### SCHEDULE OF BONDS PAYABLE AMORTIZATION

	SCHEDULI		
Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest	
2024	0.00	0.00	
2025	0.00	0.00	
2026	0.00	0.00	
2027	0.00	0.00	
2028	0.00	0.00	
2029	0.00	0.00	
2030	0.00	0.00	
2031	0.00	0.00	
2032	0.00	0.00	
2033	0.00	0.00	
2034	0.00	0.00	
2035	0.00	0.00	
2036	0.00	0.00	
2037	0.00	0.00	
2038	0.00	0.00	
2039	0.00	0.00	
2040	0.00	0.00	
2041	0.00	0.00	
2042	0.00	0.00	
2043	0.00	0.00	
2044	0.00	0.00	
2045	0.00	0.00	
2046	0.00	0.00	
2047	0.00	0.00	
2048	0.00	0.00	
2049	0.00	0.00	
2050	0.00	0.00	
2051	0.00	0.00	
2052	0.00	0.00	
2053	0.00	0.00	
2054	0.00	0.00	
2055	0.00	0.00	
2056	0.00	0.00	
2057	0.00	0.00	
2058	0.00	0.00	
Premiums and Discounts	\$0.00		
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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#### Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

If your agency has active or retired employees who are members of the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) Health Plan, please provide the following information: (Note: OGB has a 6/30/2022 measurement date for their OPEB valuation)

Benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date of the **OGB** Actuarial Valuation Report until the employer's fiscal year end. (Benefit payments are defined as the employer payments for retirees' health and life insurance premiums). For agencies with a 6/30 year end this covers the current fiscal year being reported. For calendar year end agencies, it covers the period 7/1 to 12/31 for the current year being reported.

1,002,928.00

Covered Employee Payroll for the PRIOR fiscal year (not including related benefits)

12,719,075.00

**For calendar year-end agencies only:** Benefit payments or employer payments for retirees' health and life insurance premiums made for the next year's valuation reporting period (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023). This information will be provided to the actuary for the valuation report early next year.

0.00

For agencies that have employees that participate in the **LSU Health Plan**, provide the following information: (Note: The LSU Health Plan has a measurement date of 6/30/2023 for their OPEB valuation report.)

Covered Employee Payroll for the CURRENT fiscal year (not including related benefits)

0.00

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#### FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION RESTATEMENT

Account Name/Description	Amount	Amount Amount	
Tota	ıl	\$0.00	

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#### SUBMISSION

Before submitting, ensure that all data (statements, notes, schedules) have been entered for the agency.

Once submitted no changes can be made to any of the agency data for the specified year.

By clicking 'Submit' below you certify that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position and the results of operations for the year ended in accordance with policies and practices established by the Division of Administration or in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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