

Del Mar Race Track Authority

NOTICE OF MEETING

Del Mar Race Track Authority (RTA) Board Meeting
March 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Del Mar Fairgrounds
Board Room
2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard
Del Mar, CA 92014

While the Del Mar Race Track Authority Board meeting will be conducted in person per Government Code section 11133, the Del Mar Race Track Authority will also provide remote participation by Board Members and members of the public. If you prefer to participate remotely, please check the 22nd DAA's website ([Public Information](#)) for the ZOOM link and/or ZOOM dial-in instructions on how to participate and/or view this meeting.

RACE TRACK AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Mark Arabo, President, 22 nd DAA	Michele Perrault, Vice President Department of Finance
Michael Flores, Member Department of Food & Agriculture	Ana M. Lasso, Member Department of General Services
Lisa Barkett, Member, 22 nd DAA	Kathlyn Mead, Member, 22 nd DAA

<u>22nd District Agricultural Association</u>	<u>RTA Counsel</u>
Carlene Moore, RTA Secretary-Controller	Joshua Caplan
Michael Sadegh, RTA Treasurer	Office of the California Attorney General

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Items listed on this Agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson. This Agenda, and all notices required by the California Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, are available at www.delmarfairgrounds.com. Public comments on agenda items will be accepted during the meeting as items are addressed.

DEL MAR RACE TRACK AUTHORITY (RTA) AGENDA

**Monday, March 9, 2026
11:00 A.M.**

Items listed on this Agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson.

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5. **Unfinished Business**
 - Update from the advisory committee on project to install a plaque to recognize each individual that has served previously as a Board Member of the Del Mar Race Track Authority since its inception in 1990 [Information Item] Verbal
6. **New Business**
 - A. Discussion and vote on whether to initiate a five-year continuous audit review, including a look-back period covering the prior five fiscal years and establishing a rolling five-year review framework beginning this fiscal year [Action Item] Verbal
 - B. Discussion on potential RTA bond considerations related to the installation of new video boards on the District's property at the Grandstand, the Paddock, and at 5-Points [Information Item] Verbal
7. **Public Comment on Matters Not Appearing on the Agenda**

This item is for public comment on issues **NOT** on the current Agenda. No debate by the Board shall be permitted on such public comments and no action will be taken on such public comment items at this time, as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on a docket item. Speaker's time is limited to **two** minutes and may be modified based on the number of public speakers. No speaker may cede their time to another speaker.
8. **Recess, if needed, to allow further State Race Track Leasing Commission actions related to this meeting**
9. **Adjournment**

Del Mar Race Track Authority (Authority)

Item 2, Election of Officers

Per Section 2.7 of the Del Mar Race Track Authority (Authority) Bylaws, the election of officers shall be the first order of business at the first meeting of the Authority held in each calendar year. The President and Vice President shall be duly elected by a majority of the Authority members.

Per Section 3(E) of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Del Mar Race Track Authority (JPA), the Board shall elect a President and a Vice-President of the Board from among its members and appoint a Secretary, who may, but need not, be a member of the board. Per Section 2.4 of the Bylaws, the Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the District or other designee of the Authority Board.

Section 3(E) of the JPA designates the chief financial officer of the District as the Treasurer of the Authority and that the Board shall designate a Controller in the Bylaws. Per Section 2.6 of the Bylaws, the Chief Executive Officer of the District shall be the Controller.

Although any sitting member may be eligible for the offices of either President or Vice President, the practice of the Authority has been to elect a District member as President, and the Director of Finance as Vice President.

DEL MAR RACE TRACK AUTHORITY (RTA)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 5, 2025

The Del Mar Race Track Authority (Authority) met on Friday, September 5, 2025, in the Board Room hosted by the 22nd District Agricultural Association (District) at 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA.

ROLL CALL

Authority President Mark Arabo called the meeting to order at 1:56 p.m. with all Members present:

Mark Arabo, President, 22nd District Agricultural Association
Michele Perrault, Vice President, Department of Finance
Michael Flores, Department of Food & Agriculture
Ana M. Lasso, Department of General Services
Lisa Barkett, 22nd District Agricultural Association
Kathlyn Mead, 22nd District Agricultural Association

Others present:

Joshua Caplan, Authority Counsel, Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Carlene Moore, Authority Secretary and Controller
Michael Sadegh, Authority Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2025

Public Comment on Approval of Minutes (see page 26 of transcript)
None

Vice President Perrault moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2025. Member Flores seconded the motion. President Arabo, Vice President Perrault, and Members Flores, Barkett, and Mead were all in favor. Member Lasso abstained. The motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Authority Treasurer Sadegh provided an overview of the District's financials through July and reported a net positive variance of \$3.7 million compared to the budget, as well as a strong cash position. The District and Authority financial reports can be found on pages 5-7 of the meeting packet.

Public Comment on Reports (see page 29 of transcript)
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration and vote on whether to authorize a Board Member of the Del Mar Race Track Authority to create a plaque recognizing each individual that has served previously as a Board Member of the Del Mar Race Track Authority since its inception in 1990

Public Comment on Unfinished Business (see page 30 of transcript)
None

President Arabo moved to nominate Member Flores to take initiative in creating a living memorial recognizing each individual that has served previously as a Board Member of the Del Mar Race Track Authority since its inception in 1990. Member Barkett seconded the motion. After discussion among the Authority members, the motion was withdrawn. President Arabo created a two-person advisory committee to report back to the Authority with recommendations at a future meeting, and appointed Members Barkett and Flores to serve on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Arabo adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Subject to Authority Approval

Del Mar Race Track Authority (Authority)

Item 4, Reports - Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets			
Restricted Cash - RTA	6,225,333	7,544,761	9,572,543
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>6,225,333</u>	<u>7,544,761</u>	<u>9,572,543</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Land and Land Improvements	-	30,414,450	30,414,450
Building and Improvements	-	135,213,746	135,213,746
Equipment	-	26,944,346	26,944,346
Accumulated Depreciation	-	(133,634,337)	(127,642,302)
Total Capital Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>58,938,204</u>	<u>64,930,240</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 6,225,333</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 66,482,966</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,502,783</u></u>
Liabilities			
Accrued Liabilities	1,622,182	1,761,923	1,905,375
Other Current Liabilities	374,775	395,586	425,336
4 Current Long Term Debt	1,745,000	1,665,000	1,585,000
7 Long Term Debt	27,280,000	29,025,000	31,485,000
Total Liabilities	<u>31,021,957</u>	<u>32,847,510</u>	<u>35,400,712</u>
Net Resources			
Contributed Capital	(24,164,750)	34,773,454	34,773,454
Net Resources - Unrestricted	(1,137,999)	4,328,617	9,066,994
	(25,302,749)	39,102,071	43,840,449
Net Proceeds from Operations	506,125	(5,466,616)	(4,738,377)
Total Net Resources	<u>(24,796,624)</u>	<u>33,635,455</u>	<u>39,102,071</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Resources	<u><u>\$ 6,225,333</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 66,482,965</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,502,783</u></u>

Del Mar Race Track Authority
Item 4, Reports - 2024 Audit Report for 22nd DAA and Its Blended
Component Units



22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL
ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED
COMPONENT UNITS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units
Attn: Michael Sadegh
Del Mar, California

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the 22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units, (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the District as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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



22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units
Attn: Michael Sadegh
Del Mar, California

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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



22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units
Attn: Michael Sadegh
Del Mar, California

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 8, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

LSL, LLP

Irvine, California
September 8, 2025

22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview

The 22nd District Agricultural Association (DAA) is a California state institution that owns and operates the Del Mar Fairgrounds (Fairgrounds). The DAA's nine-member Board of Directors is appointed directly by the Governor without Senate confirmation. However, while it must adhere to certain state policies and pay scales, the DAA does not normally receive state funding and must effectively operate as a business. The DAA's operations are primarily funded by revenues generated through hosting both public and private events across three distinct properties: the 212-acre main campus, the 48-acre Surf & Turf Recreational Facilities campus, and the 64-acre equestrian center campus known as Del Mar Horsepark.

The DAA's largest event is the San Diego County Fair (the Fair), which, in 2024, was a 20 day-event that was themed "Let's Go Retro". The Fair appeals to a very broad audience in San Diego County and beyond both county lines and country borders into Mexico. The Fairgrounds was the site of over 47 paid interim events in 2024, including car shows, 65 events at The Sound, and many consumer shows. The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club also was fully operational during the 2024 summer and fall race season, hosting the Breeder's Cup during the fall racing season, with over 387,000 in on-track attendance during the year. In addition, the DAA hosted top-quality rated horse shows through its operating agreement with HITS Del Mar Leasing, LLC for the Horsepark campus.

The following analysis of the combined financial results of the DAA, Del Mar Race Track Authority (RTA) and State Race Track Leasing Commission (RTL) (collectively, the District) has been prepared to provide a more thorough understanding of the financial performance of these combined entities for the year ended December 31, 2024. Please read this analysis in conjunction with the financial statements that follow this section.

This annual financial report includes three items:

1. Management's discussion and analysis.
2. Independent auditor's report.
3. Financial statements and supplemental schedules for the year ended December 31, 2023, including notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements.

Required Financial Statements

Statement of net position: The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and net position, and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to the District's creditors (liabilities), and net position—the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources—of the District and the changes in them. The statement of net position also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the District.

Analysis of the Statement of Net Position

In accordance with the Pledge Agreement, the DAA has continuously maintained funds on account, which are legally available for the payment of the Bonds in an amount equal to at least Maximum Annual Debt Service (as defined in the Indenture pursuant to which the Bonds were issued).

Current assets of the District, excluding the current portion of restricted investments, decreased due to in part for the repayment of the deferred payback of the 2020 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan in October 2024 – inclusive of principal, interest, and processing fees in the amount of \$5,664,000. At the end of 2024 financial year, The DAA's net position decreased by 14% or about \$11,176,000.

22nd District Agricultural Association and its Blended Component Units

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position: All of the District's revenues, expenses and other changes in net position are accounted for in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. This statement measures the success of the District's operations during the years presented and can be used to determine whether the District has successfully recovered all of its costs through its fees and other sources of revenue. It also shows profitability and creditworthiness. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Analysis of the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position:

In comparison to 2023, revenues from operations were slightly higher in 2024, despite the annual county fair being shortened by one day, from 21 to 20 days. Also, paid attendance declined by approximately 14%, dropping from 781,710 in 2023 to 689,099 in 2024. Despite the 14% drop in attendance in fair attendance in 2024, paid attendance figures declined only by about 3% to \$11,705,000.

Food and Beverage revenues improved to \$23,289,000 during 2024 as compared to \$20,886,000 during FY2023, in large part due to the ongoing operation of The Sound and return of the Breeders Cup back in Del Mar.

The 'Let's GO Retro' fair event, held over 20 operating days in June and July, generated revenues across multiple streams within Concessions and Carnivals category. Carnival attractions, including rides and games, saw an 8% decline in revenue, totaling \$17,920,000. Commercial space rental revenues dropped by 23% to \$3,592,000, while Concessions Food and Beverage revenues also fell by 23%, totaling \$4,613,000. Admissions revenue decreased by 3% to \$11,705,000, and Parking revenue declined by 5% to \$6,259,000. It is worth noting that the 2024 fair had one fewer operating day compared to 2023.

Facility Rentals revenues increased by 2% and totaled \$7,327,000 for 2024. Satellite Wagering revenues totaled \$529,000 in 2024 and increased by nearly 3% as compared to 2023.

Leases/Operating Agreements includes pledge agreement payments from the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) as a result of net horse racing operations, \$1,825,000, which included a \$600,000 payment for hosting the Breeders Cup, from DMTC in direct rent payments to the DAA, plus \$568,000 through the various operating agreements of the Surf & Turf Recreation Facilities campus, which is composed of an RV park, driving range, miniature golf, tennis courts, swim school, volleyball centers, a golf pro shop, and Equestrian activities also resumed at Horsepark.

With the chronic decline in attendance from off-track wagering, the DAA explored alternative uses for its 90,000-square-foot satellite wagering facility. Rebranded as 'The Sound,' with a seating capacity of 1,900, continued operations in 2024. Over the 2024 financial year, The Sound hosted 65 events, an increase of 21 compared to 2023, generating \$1,610,000 in Food and Beverage revenue, \$696,000 in Facility Rental revenue, and \$496,000 in related Parking revenue.

In 2024, expenses from operations were higher by 12% or \$10,274,000, mainly due to increase in payroll and related expenses, pension and OPEB cost adjustments and Food and Beverage cost.

In FY 2024, the DAA increased its regular full-time employee count by 10, reaching a total of 79 by year-end. As a result, payroll and related benefits (excluding pension and related costs) rose by approximately 8%, or \$1,082,000, totaling \$15,231,000. Pension and related expenses increased significantly by \$5,005,000 from 2023. These pension and related expenses reflect the District's actuarial future cost retirement obligations for all active full-time employees. The valuation of these obligations fluctuates over time based on factors such as retirement timing, interest rates, and the expected rate of return, as determined by actuarial calculations.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Food and Beverage Expense increased by \$4,121,000, or 27%. Increase in this category was attributable to the increase in the revenues from Food and Beverage sales increases when compared to 2023.

Insurance costs for the District increased by \$319,000, or 19%, in 2024, primarily due to a \$203,000 rise in workers' compensation insurance. Additionally, general liability, fire, and earthquake insurance costs rose by approximately \$140,000. Marketing and related expenses increased by \$180,000, or 17%, to enhance promotion of the District's offerings during the Fair.

Depreciation expense did not change materially from prior year and totaled \$10,473,000 for the financial year.

Economic and Other Factors

Civil service salaries and benefits: On employment matters, the DAA, as a state institution, falls under the purview of the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), which sets all pay scales and personal leave benefit thresholds and administers health benefits for civil service employees.

Recruitment and retention: These pay scales have posed challenges to the DAA to recruit and retain qualified, highly competent personnel. In 2006, the Department of Personnel Administration approved a recruiting and retention differential for the DAA's exempt employees to help offset salary levels that had fallen behind the San Diego market.

Minimum wage: The state of California increased its minimum hourly wage from \$15.50 to \$16.00 on January 1, 2024. In addition, the Fairgrounds is in a challenging location in terms of its proximity to the labor pool, and in many instances has to offer and pay higher rates than California's minimum wage in order to attract qualified temporary labor. These increases affect payroll and payroll tax expense, as well as workers' compensation and unemployment insurance. These increases also impact the cost of contracted labor and services.

Employer pension costs: The rates to the DAA for pension contributions for its tier one employees decreased in July 2023 to 26.31% and remained the same for the financial year 2024. Rates are established by CalPERS.

Legislation passed or pending: On September 15, 2014, Assembly Bill 2490 was chaptered. This bill affects all District Agricultural Associations in California. It revised the responsibilities of the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of General Services as they related to District Agricultural Associations by providing greater authority and autonomy to District Agricultural Associations and local fair boards by eliminating preapproval requirements and streamlining procurement processes.

On July 10, 2017, Senate Bill 84 was signed into law. This law had the effect of borrowing \$6 billion from the state of California's PMIA to make a one-time supplemental payment to CalPERS as part of the 2018/19 fiscal year budget package. The intent of this one-time supplemental payment was to save the state money over the next few decades by slowing the pace of cost increases for the state's annual pension payments. Under SB 84, the Department of Finance was required to develop a repayment schedule for principal and interest on the amount borrowed from the PMIA. The Department of Finance calculated the proportionate share due from each CalPERS participant, based on fiscal year 2016/17 employer retirement contributions. The DAA's proportionate share of this obligation was determined to be \$3,403,924. This amount is to be paid over five fiscal years beginning in the state's fiscal year 2020/21, with four equal payments of \$619,895 and one final payment of \$924,344 in fiscal year 2024/25. No payments have been made as of the date of this report.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

In October 2017, Assembly Bill 1499 was signed into law. Beginning July 1, 2018, every sales tax return filed would have to segregate and report the total gross receipts for sales and use tax purposes for all receipts that took place on the property of a state-designated fairground. Three-fourths of 1% of the gross sales generated would be allocated to fairgrounds for specific projects and subject to certain conditions. Under AB 1499, a fairground will not receive any funds unless it agrees to relinquish its recreational exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The California Department of Food & Agriculture made the first distribution of funds in 2020, but nothing more in 2021 or 2022. A catch-up payment has been made in January of 2024 in the amount of \$1,484,500 and \$560,500 payment was made in December of 2024.

In May 2018, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the provision of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, which prohibited a governmental entity or a person from conducting betting or wagering on competitive games or performances in which amateur or professional athletes participate, violated the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. As a result, this statute is no longer enforceable against states, businesses, or individuals. Individual states are now free to pass statutes that would legalize sports wagering within their borders. Currently, 38 states have some form of a live and legal sports betting regulation offered through retail and/or online sportsbooks. California will require a state constitutional amendment for sports wagering to be legalized.

22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,439,137
Current portion of restricted investments	3,208,015
Accounts receivable, net	2,136,006
Prepaid expenses and other	389,790
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Total Current Assets	41,172,948
Restricted Investments, Long-term Portion	4,336,747
Capital Assets, Net	105,999,192
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Total Assets	151,508,887
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Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Deferred outflow of pension liability	6,822,530
Deferred outflow on OPEB	847,083
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Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	7,669,613
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Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 159,178,500
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22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 8,699,052
Accrued interest	722,812
Accrued liabilities and other	3,264,615
Accrued compensated absences	1,229,613
Current portion of premier investment liability	100,000
Current portion of SB84 liability	924,344
Current portion of loan payable	960,787
Current portion of bonds payable	<u>1,665,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>17,566,223</u>
Long-Term Liabilities	
Premier investment liability, long-term portion	1,314,985
Loan payable, long-term portion	22,286,129
Bonds payable, long-term portion	30,257,366
Net pension liability	15,837,653
Net OPEB liability	<u>4,684,449</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>74,380,582</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>91,946,805</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Deferred gain on debt defeasance	39,188
Deferred inflow of pension liability	245,951
Deferred inflow on OPEB	<u>829,374</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,114,513</u>
Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	50,829,910
Restricted for debt service	6,629,266
Unrestricted	<u>8,658,006</u>
Total Net Position	<u>66,117,182</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 159,178,500</u>

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22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Operating Revenues:	
Food and beverage	\$ 23,288,822
Concessions/carnivals	26,124,793
Admissions	11,705,213
Facility rentals	7,327,096
Satellite wagering	529,103
Parking	6,258,673
Leases/operating agreement	3,988,239
Sponsorships	1,795,800
State apportionment	2,045,000
Other	<u>671,679</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>83,734,418</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Payroll and related benefits, excluding pension cost	15,231,425
Pension cost and net pension liability adjustment	3,792,856
Food and beverage	19,575,277
Entertainment	15,063,145
Maintenance	7,159,929
Facilities and related supplies	1,547,404
Insurance	2,018,229
Depreciation	10,473,137
Professional services	9,769,575
Marketing	1,247,682
Other post-employment benefit cost and net OPEB liability adjustment	1,666,119
Other	<u>2,317,870</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>89,862,648</u>
Income (Loss) from Operations	<u>(6,128,230)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest income	2,244,073
Interest expense	(3,347,252)
Other income	816,520
PPP loan repayment	<u>(4,760,873)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(5,047,532)</u>
Change in Net Position	(11,175,762)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>77,292,944</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 66,117,182</u>

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22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from operations	\$ 84,167,426
Payments to vendors	(57,921,261)
Payments to employees	<u>(18,260,236)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities	<u>7,985,929</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Purchases of capital assets	(4,788,470)
Payments on bonds	(2,380,000)
Payments on loans	(931,672)
Payments on premier investment	(98,137)
Payments on SB84	(619,895)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(3,606,338)
Payment on PPP loan	<u>(4,760,873)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(17,185,385)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Sales of investments	2,027,781
Interest income	2,244,073
Other investing income (loss)	<u>816,520</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities	<u>5,088,374</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(4,111,082)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>39,550,219</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 35,439,137</u>
Reconciliation of Income from Operations to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Income from operations	\$ (6,128,230)
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	10,473,137
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable, net	433,008
Prepaid expenses and other	(62,077)
Accounts payable	839,927
Accrued liabilities and other	(451,082)
Accrued compensated absences	(131,406)
Net OPEB liability	1,666,119
Net pension liability	<u>1,346,533</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 7,985,929</u>
Noncash Disclosure of Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Amortization of bond premium	\$ 160,808

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of organization and reporting entity:

The 22nd District Agricultural Association (the DAA), a component unit of the state of California, operates fairground facilities located in Del Mar, California. The DAA conducts an annual summer fair, operates an off-track horse race betting facility and rents the fairground facilities for various non-fair events. The board members of the DAA are appointed by the governor of the state of California. The state of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), through the Branch of Fairs and Expositions, provides fiscal and policy oversight of the network of California fairs.

The accompanying financial statements present a one-column combination of the accounts and activities of the DAA, the State Race Track Leasing Commission (RTLCL) and the Del Mar Race Track Authority (RTA) (collectively, the District). All inter-entity transactions have been eliminated.

The District evaluates its financial reporting entity in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 2100, Defining the Financial Reporting Entity, which sets the criteria for defining the reporting entity of a governmental unit for financial reporting. It states that, if certain criteria are met, the financial data of a separate governmental unit is to be included as part of the reporting entity. The RTLCL, created by the state of California in January 1968 to oversee capital improvement funds provided by the horse racing operating agreement described in Note 8, meets these criteria because of its financial interdependence with the District and, as such, is reported as a blended component unit. The RTLCL is managed by a commission consisting of six members, appointed by statute in the CDFA Code Section 4351, who are empowered to oversee the development of ground improvements and structures. Once constructed, the assets approved and funded by the RTLCL become the property of the District.

In addition, the RTA is included as part of the reporting entity as a blended component unit in the financial statements because it also meets the aforementioned criteria. The RTA is a joint powers authority created in August 1990 by a joint exercise of powers agreement between the RTLCL and the DAA to finance the construction of a new grandstand and related facilities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (the Fairgrounds) of the DAA. The RTA is managed by a board of six directors, who are the six members of the RTLCL commission, who oversaw the financing for the grandstand construction project and who continue to oversee the financing and improvements at the Fairgrounds. The RTA is funded through operating transfers from the District and the RTLCL. The joint exercise of powers agreement expires in August 2040. Upon the termination of the joint powers agreement, title to the grandstand will vest to the District.

A summary of the District's significant accounting policies are as follows:

Basis of accounting: The District is reported similar to a special purpose government engaged in only business-type activities. As such, its financial statements are presented in accordance with the requirements established for enterprise funds. An enterprise fund is defined by the GASB as a fund related to an organization financed and operated similar to a private business enterprise where the intent is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Accordingly, the District's accounts are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. The District defines its operating revenues and expenses in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position as consisting of all revenues and expenses, except those related to financing and investing activities (interest income and interest expense).

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and cash equivalents: Cash consists of cash on hand and cash in banks. For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all investments with original maturities of 90 days or less, including pooled funds with the California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), to be cash equivalents. Investments in LAIF are reported at amortized cost. Interest income is recognized when earned.

Restricted investments: Restricted investments relate to the Series 2015 Revenue Bonds (Series 2015 Bonds) as discussed in Note 4. Restricted investments are reported at fair value. As defined in GASB Statement No. 72, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Gains and losses are reported in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Interest and dividend income is recognized when earned.

Accounts receivable: Accounts receivable are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for uncollectible receivables based on a review of outstanding amounts. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by regularly evaluating individual customer receivables and considering a customer's financial condition, credit history and current financial conditions, and the reasonable forecasts taking into account geographical and industry-specific economic factors. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded when received.

Prepaid expenses and other: Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses in the accompanying statement of net position. Other items include interest receivable, inventory and deposits.

Capital assets: Capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation, or acquisition value if donated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Useful lives range from three years for equipment to 40 years for buildings. The District has capitalized infrastructure assets, such as drainage systems and paving, which are depreciated over 20 to 40 years.

The District periodically evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that may have resulted in an impairment of its capital assets. No such impairment occurred in the year ended December 31, 2024.

Interest cost on borrowed funds during the period of construction of capital assets were expensed when incurred for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Deferred gain on debt defeasance: For debt refunding resulting in defeasance of debt, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt (i.e., deferred charges) is reported as a deferred inflow of resources and amortized to interest expense based on the effective interest method over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

Bond premium: Bond premiums are reported as an addition to the outstanding debt balance and are amortized as interest expense over the life of the bond using the effective interest method.

Compensated absences: The DAA's compensated absences policies are set by the California Department of Human Resources. Employees who elect annual leave or vacation leave will be allowed to accumulate up to a maximum of 640 hours of leave as of January 1 of each year.

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DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Exceptions to this limit will not be allowed except in extremely unusual situations and must be approved in advance by the director of the California Department of Human Resources. Upon separation or retirement, employees with accrued annual leave and vacation leave will receive a lump-sum payment at their current salary rate for their accumulated credits. Sick leave has no maximum accrual limit and can be converted to service credit upon retirement.

Compensated absences activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions*	Reductions	Ending Balance
Compensated absences	\$ 1,361,019	\$ -	\$ (131,406)	\$ 1,229,613

* The change in the compensated absences liability is presented as a net change, per GASB Statement No. 101

Pensions: The net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and additions to/deductions from CalPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as reported by CalPERS. 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.

A deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to pensions result from changes in the components of the net pension liability and are applicable to a future reporting period. As noted in Note 10, deferred outflows and inflows of resources will be recognized as pension expense in future years; however, contributions subsequent to the measurement period will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Post-employment benefits other than pensions: For purposes of measuring the net post-employment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of CalPERS' OPEB plan and additions to/deductions from CalPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CalPERS. 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.

Net position: Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances on debt, deferred outflows and deferred inflows that are attributable to the acquisition, and construction or improvement of capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use, either through legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws and regulations of other governments. Restricted resources are used first to fund applicable appropriations.

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DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 1: Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue recognition: The District generally recognizes revenue when events take place, and when goods or services are provided.

- Food and beverage revenue is recognized at the time of sale.
- Concessions/carnivals revenue consists of space rentals at the fair and ticket sales for carnival attractions. Revenue from space rentals is recognized when earned and revenue from ticket sales is recognized when the tickets are available to be used.
- Admissions revenue consists of ticket sales to events at the Fairgrounds and is recognized when the tickets are available to be used.
- Facility rentals revenue consists primarily facility rentals for the various events presented on the Fairgrounds. Revenue is recognized over the term of the rental contract.
- Satellite wagering revenue primarily consists of the District's share of off-track betting proceeds, which is recognized when the races occur at tracks around the world.
- Parking revenue consists of charges for parking spaces at the District and is recognized immediately after spaces are used.
- Leases/operating agreement revenue primarily consists of payments from the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) according to the operating agreement (see Note 8). Revenue from the direct payment (as defined in the operating agreement) is recognized pro rata over the year that the payment applies and remaining revenue charged is recognized when the net income of the DMTC is reported.
- Sponsorship revenue consists of sponsorship contracts for various events at the Fairgrounds. Revenue is recognized over the term of the sponsorship agreement.
- Other revenue consists of a variety of miscellaneous revenue accounts, including food and beverage revenue received from Premier Food Services, Inc. (Premier), ATM fees, interest income, RV pumping fees, recycling, miscellaneous exhibit fees and event entry fees.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates made by management include, but are not limited to, allowance for uncollectible receivables and assumptions used in the determination of pension liability.

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Note 1: Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

New GASB Pronouncements Effective during Fiscal Year: The following Government Accounting Standards Board (GSAB) pronouncement was effective for and implemented for the year ending December 31, 2024:

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by implementing a unified recognition and measurement model that will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. Establishing the unified model will result in consistent application to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave. This Statement will also result in a more robust estimate of the amount of compensated absences that a government will pay or settle, which will enhance the relevance and reliability of information about the liability for compensated absences.

The District has determined that GASB Statement No. 101 has no significant impact on its financial statements.

Future Implementation of accounting pronouncements: The following Governmental Accounting Standards Board GASB pronouncements are effective in the following fiscal year. Management is currently reviewing their potential impact for proper financial statements implementations.

GASB Statement No. 102— In December 2023, the GASB issued Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerability due to certain concentrations or constraints.

GASB Statement No. 103— In April 2024, the GASB issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues.

GASB Statement No. 104— In September 2024, the GASB issued Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets.

Date of Management's Review

Events occurring after December 31, 2024, have been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure as of September 8, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Note 2: Condensed Financial Information

The following is the condensed combining detail for the statement of net position as of December 31, 2024:

	DAA	RTA	RTLCL	Eliminations	Total
Current assets	\$ 37,964,933	\$ 3,208,015	\$ 694,923	\$ (694,923)	\$ 41,172,948
Restricted investments, long-term portion	-	4,336,747	-	-	4,336,747
Capital assets, net	46,940,259	59,058,933	-	-	105,999,192
Total assets	84,905,192	66,603,695	694,923	(694,923)	151,508,887
Deferred outflow of resources	7,669,613	-	-	-	7,669,613
Current liabilities	15,737,397	2,523,755	(6)	(694,923)	17,566,223
Long-term liabilities	44,123,216	30,257,366	-	-	74,380,582
Total liabilities	59,860,613	32,781,121	(6)	(694,923)	91,946,805
Deferred inflow of resources	1,075,325	39,188	-	-	1,114,513
Net investment in capital assets	23,693,343	27,136,567	-	-	50,829,910
Restricted for debt service	-	6,629,266	-	-	6,629,266
Unrestricted - other	7,945,524	17,553	694,929	-	8,658,006
Total net position	\$ 31,638,867	\$ 33,783,386	\$ 694,929	\$ -	\$ 66,117,182

The following is the condensed combining detail for the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	DAA	RTA	RTLCL	Eliminations	Total
Operating revenues:					
Operating revenues	\$ 82,139,418	\$ 1,595,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83,734,418
Operating expenses:					
Operating expenses	83,792,844	6,067,350	2,454	-	89,862,648
(Loss) income from operations	(1,653,426)	(4,472,350)	(2,454)	-	(6,128,230)
Nonoperating (expenses) revenues:					
Nonoperating (expenses) revenues	(4,053,269)	(994,263)	-	-	(5,047,532)
Changes in net position	(5,706,695)	(5,466,613)	(2,454)	-	(11,175,762)
Net position, beginning of year	37,345,562	39,249,999	697,383	-	77,292,944
Net position, end of year	\$ 31,638,867	\$ 33,783,386	\$ 694,929	\$ -	\$ 66,117,182

The following is the condensed combining detail for the statement of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	DAA	RTA	RTLCL	Total
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 5,574,455	\$ 1,716,551	\$ 694,923	\$ 7,985,929
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(12,952,169)	(4,233,216)	-	(17,185,385)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,450,981	2,637,393	-	5,088,374
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	39,783,714	(2,328,452)	2,094,957	39,550,219
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 34,856,981	\$ (2,207,724)	\$ 2,789,880	\$ 35,439,137

Note 3: Joint Exercise of Power Agreements

California Fair Services Authority: The DAA is a member of the California Fairs Financing Authority, dba California Construction Authority (CCA), a joint powers authority created by a joint exercise of powers agreement between the counties of Solano and El Dorado, and the 22nd, 32nd and 46th District Agricultural Associations. The governing body of CCA is composed of five directors appointed by member entities.

22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

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Note 3: Joint Exercise of Power Agreements (Continued)

The primary purpose of the CCA is to provide financing, planning, design and construction services for projects at Fairgrounds throughout California. Additionally, the CCA provides central administration for the common interests of the members and associated members for the financing and construction of satellite wagering facilities and any other projects authorized by the agreement. Ownership of each of the satellite wagering facilities or other projects remains with the respective entity for which the project was constructed and financed.

The joint exercise of powers agreement expires on December 31, 2040. The District had no interest in CCA's assets or liabilities at December 31, 2024.

CCA projects during 2024 included Surf & Turf Utility Meters, Asphalt and Concrete Replacement, Grandstand Fire Panel Replacement, Surfside Mechanical Roof Replacement, and Connection Center Project. Costs incurred for these projects during the year ended December 31, 2024, recorded in capital assets.

Note 4: Cash and Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Investments

Cash and cash equivalents, and investments consisted of the following at December 31, 2024:

Cash on hand	\$ 600
Cash in banks	3,254,558
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	32,183,979
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>35,439,137</u>
Restricted investments, money market accounts	7,544,762
Total cash and cash equivalents, and restricted investments	<u><u>\$ 42,983,899</u></u>

Cash and cash equivalents, and restricted investments are summarized on the financial statements as follows at December 31, 2024:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,439,137
Current portion of restricted investments	3,208,015
Long-term portion of restricted investments	4,336,747
	<u><u>\$ 42,983,899</u></u>

The California State Treasury makes available LAIF through which local governments may pool investments. The DAA is a participant in LAIF, which is regulated by California Government Code Section 16429 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the state of California. Investments in LAIF are highly liquid, as deposits can be converted to cash within 24 hours without loss of interest. Investments included in LAIF include primarily debt securities, including treasuries, commercial paper and agency debt, but also include real estate structured notes and asset-backed securities. As of December 31, 2024, the DAA had \$32,183,979 invested in LAIF. LAIF is overseen by the Local Agency Investment Advisory Board, which consists of five members, in accordance with state statute.

Investments: The state of California Government Code Section 53601 generally authorizes the District to invest unrestricted and Board-designated assets in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and certain U.S. government agencies, obligations of the state of California and local government entities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements and mortgage securities. Some of these investments may be purchased only in limited amounts, as defined in the Government Code.

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Note 4: Cash and Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Investments (Continued)

The current portion of restricted investments in the amount of \$3,208,015 is restricted for bond projects only. Funds are distributed once a month upon the DAA's request to pay bond-project invoices. The long-term portion of restricted investments in the amount of \$4,336,747 represents the amount held in reserve in the event of default. The amount required to be held in reserve is \$3,297,000. The District is in compliance with this requirement.

Interest rate risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment. Interest rate is also the risk that the value of fixed-income securities will decline due to increasing interest rates. The terms of a debt investment may cause its fair value to be highly sensitive to interest rate changes.

Credit risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investments. Fixed-income securities and investments in an external investment pool are subject to credit risk, which is the risk that an issuer will fail to pay interest or principal when due. Certain fixed-income securities, including obligations of the U.S. government or those explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, are not considered to have credit risk. LAIF is not rated. The District does not currently hold investments that are subject to credit risk.

Custodial credit risk, bank deposits: The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District maintains its cash balances at California Bank & Trust. These deposits are insured up to \$250,000 per bank by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). As of December 31, 2024, \$3,444,550 of the District's bank balance of \$3,694,550 was exposed to custodial credit risk as it was uninsured and uncollateralized. The District follows the state's policies on permitted investments and does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Custodial credit risk, investments: The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

Concentration of credit risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk associated with a lack of diversification, such as having substantial investments in a few individual issuers, thereby exposing the District to greater risks resulting from adverse economic, political, regulatory, geographic or credit developments. Investments issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in external investment pools, such as LAIF, are not considered subject to concentration of credit risk.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District did not have any investments as of December 31, 2024, that were subject to the fair value hierarchy as the money market investments are carried at amortized cost.

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Note 5: Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable as of December 31, 2024 , are summarized as follows:

Accounts receivable	\$ 2,548,640
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(412,634)
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 2,136,006</u>

Note 6: Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets, net, for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 6,322,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,322,333
Construction in progress	1,806,612	3,895,549	-	(3,172,467)	2,529,694
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,128,945</u>	<u>3,895,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,172,467)</u>	<u>8,852,027</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Building and improvements	217,564,033	307,691	-	950,727	218,822,451
Equipment and fixtures	38,841,520	563,132	-	411,740	39,816,392
Land improvements	38,843,780	22,098	-	1,810,000	40,675,878
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>295,249,333</u>	<u>892,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,467</u>	<u>299,314,721</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization:					
Building and improvements	(134,351,693)	(7,543,281)	-	-	(141,894,974)
Equipment and fixtures	(36,133,804)	(711,260)	-	-	(36,845,064)
Land improvements	(21,208,922)	(2,218,596)	-	-	(23,427,518)
	<u>(191,694,419)</u>	<u>(10,473,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(202,167,556)</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	103,554,914	(9,580,216)	-	3,172,467	97,147,165
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 111,683,859</u>	<u>\$ (5,684,667)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 105,999,192</u>

Note 7: Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt activity during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Payments	Amortization of Premium	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Series 2015 Revenue Bonds	33,070,000	\$ -	(2,380,000)	\$ -	30,690,000	1,665,000
Series 2015 Unamortized Premium	1,393,174	-	-	(160,808)	1,232,366	-
2019 Energy Efficiency Loan	3,437,740	-	(172,322)	-	3,265,416	176,633
2018 IBank Loan	7,018,742	-	(410,781)	-	6,607,961	423,105
2019 IBank Loan	13,722,106	-	(348,569)	-	13,373,537	361,048
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 58,641,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (3,311,672)</u>	<u>\$ (160,808)</u>	<u>\$ 55,169,282</u>	<u>\$ 2,625,785</u>

Series 2015 Revenue Bonds: On August 1, 2015, the RTA issued \$44,435,000 in Series 2015 Bonds at a premium of \$2,969,958 and net issuance costs of \$666,741. The Series 2015 Bonds have fixed interest rates of 2.00% to 5.00% and mature annually on October 1 from 2016 to 2038. These bonds were issued for the purpose of refinancing the \$25,460,000 outstanding principal amount of the Authority's Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 and to provide additional funds for grandstand improvements and other long-term improvements including electrical, sewer, roofing and elevator improvements. The refunding resulted in the recognition of an accounting net gain of \$568,233 for the year ended December 31, 2015. The unamortized balance of the net gain is \$39,188 at December 31, 2024. The source of repayment of these bonds includes pledged revenues and the interest or profits from the investment of money in any account or fund established under the Series 2015 Bond Indenture (the Indenture). Pledged revenues consist of race track net revenues and concession net revenues up to \$4 million.

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Future scheduled principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 1,665,000	\$ 1,630,500	\$ 3,295,500
2026	1,745,000	1,547,250	3,292,250
2027	1,835,000	1,460,000	3,295,000
2028	1,925,000	1,368,250	3,293,250
2029	2,020,000	1,272,000	3,292,000
2030-2034	11,735,000	4,738,500	16,473,500
2035-2038	9,765,000	1,496,500	11,261,500
	\$ 30,690,000	\$ 13,513,000	\$ 44,203,000

Source or repayment: Pursuant to the Indenture between the RTA and the Trustee, the Trustee must establish and maintain a project fund and a bond fund. The bond fund contains an interest account, principal account, redemption account, reserve account and surplus account. All money in each of such accounts shall be invested by the Trustee and shall be used only for the purposes authorized by the Indenture. All money in the project fund must be used solely for the improvements at the Fairgrounds. All money in the interest and principal accounts shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the interest and principal on the Series 2015 Bonds as it shall become due and payable. All money in the redemption account must be held in trust by the Trustee and will be applied, used and withdrawn either to redeem bonds pursuant to an optional redemption or extraordinary redemption. Any insurance or eminent domain proceeds, which are to be used to redeem bonds, will be deposited by the Trustee in the redemption account. All money in the reserve account shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the interest on, or principal of, or redemption premiums, if any, on the Series 2015 Bonds in the event that no other money of the RTA is lawfully available henceforth, or for the retirement of all Series 2015 Bonds then outstanding. The Trustee, if the RTA is not then in default hereunder and upon the written request of the RTA, shall apply amounts in the surplus account to redeem Series 2015 Bonds, to pay for project costs as defined, or to pay for any lawful purpose of the RTA.

As of December 31, 2024, the total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$44,203,000. The next interest and principal payments for the Series 2015 Bonds are due on April 1, 2024, and October 1, 2024, respectively, with the final payment occurring on October 1, 2038.

Upon issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds, a portion of the proceeds were required to be deposited in the reserve account with the Trustee and a minimum balance must be maintained in this account. The minimum balance is the lesser of the maximum annual debt service payment over the life of the bond (\$3,297,000), 10% of total bond proceeds (\$4,443,500) or 125% of average annual debt service (\$4,117,861). At December 31, 2024, the District held \$3,300,794 in a reserve fund for the debt reserve requirement. Pledged revenues are deposited monthly into the bond fund accounts in a specific order and certain minimum balances are maintained, as indicated by the Indenture.

On or prior to January 15 of each bond year, commencing January 15, 2017, the District shall determine in writing and submit to the Trustee the total amount of coverage test revenues for the preceding bond year. The District submitted written representation confirming the total amount of coverage test revenues for the 2024 bond year on December 27, 2024.

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2018 IBank loan: On May 24, 2018, the DAA entered into an installment sale agreement with IBank. The total amount borrowed from IBank was \$8,900,000. The interest rate is 3.30% per annum, which includes the annual fee of 0.30% of the outstanding principal balance. The money was borrowed to pay for a new facility, which is necessary to improve the Fairgrounds' storm water quality system and to install chiller equipment. \$8,411,000 will be utilized for the Environmental Remediation project, \$400,000 will be utilized to pay for the chiller equipment installation and \$89,000 will be used to pay for the IBank origination fee. The Project's estimated completion date is no later than June 1, 2022. Final principal and interest payments are due on August 1, 2037.

Future scheduled principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 423,105	\$ 198,239	\$ 621,344
2026	435,798	185,546	621,344
2027	448,872	172,472	621,344
2028	462,338	159,006	621,344
2029	476,208	145,135	621,343
2030-2034	2,604,101	502,617	3,106,718
2034-2037	1,757,539	106,491	1,864,030
	<u>\$ 6,607,961</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,506</u>	<u>\$ 8,077,467</u>

2019 IBank loan: On May 1, 2019, the DAA entered into an installment sale agreement with IBank. The total amount borrowed from IBank was \$15,000,000. The interest rate is 3.58% per annum, which includes the annual fee of 0.30% of the outstanding principal balance. The interest and principal payments start on February 1, 2021, and August 1, 2021, respectively. The money was borrowed to finance and refinance the costs of its 1,900 person capacity concert venue. The funds will be used for improving and converting a portion of the Surfside Raceplace (SSRP) into a concert venue, together with food and beverage service facilities, and all associated necessary design, architecture, engineering, construction, equipping, machinery installation, construction contingency, environmental review, permitting, entitlement, construction management, administration and general development activities. The Project's estimated completion date is no later than February 26, 2021. Final principal and interest payments are due on August 1, 2048.

Future scheduled principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 361,048	\$ 478,772	\$ 839,820
2026	373,973	465,848	839,821
2027	387,362	452,458	839,820
2028	401,229	438,592	839,821
2029	415,593	424,228	839,821
2030-2034	2,312,082	1,887,022	4,199,104
2035-2039	2,756,657	1,442,444	4,199,101
2040-2044	3,286,717	912,386	4,199,103
2045-2048	3,078,876	280,404	3,359,280
	<u>\$ 13,373,537</u>	<u>\$ 6,782,154</u>	<u>\$ 20,155,691</u>

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Note 7: Long-Term Debt (Continued)

2019 Energy Efficiency: In May 2019, the DAA entered into an Energy Efficiency Loan with California Department of General Services (DGS). DGS is a state agent that offers low interest loans. The total amount borrowed from DGS was \$3,769,883. The interest rate is 2.50% per annum. The principal and interest payments start on November 1, 2022. The money was borrowed to upgrade air handling units, interior and exterior lighting and residential appliances. The money was also used to replace kitchen equipment and repair duct leakage, RCx HVAC units and DHW look controls. Furthermore, funds were used to install variable frequency drives (VFD) on condenser water pumps. The project was completed in 2020. Final principal and interest payments are due on November 1, 2040.

Future scheduled principal and interest payments as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 176,633	\$ 81,635	\$ 258,268
2026	181,048	77,220	258,268
2027	185,575	72,693	258,268
2028	190,214	68,054	258,268
2029	194,969	63,299	258,268
2030-2034	1,050,443	240,897	1,291,340
2035-2039	1,188,480	102,860	1,291,340
2040	98,056	2,451	100,507
	<u>\$ 3,265,418</u>	<u>\$ 709,109</u>	<u>\$ 3,974,527</u>

Note 8: Operating Leases and Agreements

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC): Under an operating agreement with the RTALC and the DAA, the DMTC operates and controls the operations of the Del Mar race track and grandstand structures during the summer and fall race meets.

Revenues associated with the DMTC operating agreement totaled \$1,825,000 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Included in the revenue associated with the DMTC operating agreement are the direct payment amounts noted below:

- Direct payment of \$1,825,000 per year to the DAA, to be used by the DAA for the annual fair or other authorized purpose.
- Basic payment equal to final net earnings less the sum of (1) any amount in excess of funds available to DMTC, which, subject to the approval of the District, is sufficient to pay or provide for projected operating capital from January 1 through to the commencement of the next race meet, and (2) the direct payment amount. The basic payment totaled \$2,478,000 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The DMTC guarantees the performance of all of the terms, covenants and conditions of the operating agreement through a \$500,000 letter of credit.

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Note 8: Operating Leases and Agreements (Continued)

The RTALC may, at its sole discretion, elect to extend the new operating agreement for three five-year option periods. In February 2015, the RTALC elected to extend the operating agreement for the first five-year option period. RTALC elected to extend the operating agreement for the second five-year option period. In the event legislation is enacted by the California legislature authorizing a sale of the Fairgrounds, the RTALC has the option to terminate the contract by giving at least 180 days' written notice. The termination would be effective on December 31 in the year the notice is given unless the notice is given less than 180 days before the end of the year. In that event, the termination would be effective December 31 of the following year.

DMTC is not included as part of the District's reporting entity because it is governed by a separate Board of Directors and is fiscally independent of the District.

Premier Food Services, Inc.: The DAA has a management agreement granting the use of food and beverage services equipment to Premier Food Services, Inc. (Premier). Management fees related to this contract were \$472,899 for the year ended December 31, 2024. During 2011, through a competitive bidding process, a new four-year contract was awarded to Premier with up to two additional three-year terms upon approval of the DAA. This original contract was set to expire on December 31, 2015; however, on August 26, 2015, the DAA approved and renewed the contract for another three-year term.

On November 14, 2018, the DAA approved and renewed the contract for a third three-year term plus an additional five years. The new contract is set to expire on December 31, 2026. Per the new agreement, the DAA retains control over the operations. The daily gross receipts are deposited in the name and interest of the DAA and the DAA reimburses Premier for all reimbursable costs, as defined in the agreement, and pays a management fee equal to 12.50% of all net profits from the food and beverage operation. Furthermore, the DAA, in cooperation with Premier/SMG, obtained a \$2 million capital investment to convert the satellite wagering facility to include a music and entertainment venue. Premier agreed to provide event and entertainment booking and production company services, acceptable to and in compliance with specific terms and conditions requested by the DAA. In consideration of its \$2 million capital investment, Premier and the DAA have agreed on a five-year extension of the agreement from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2026, with an additional five-year mutual option and with new terms and conditions specifically relating to the operation of the Del Mar Satellite Wagering Facility to include a music and entertainment venue. The payment of \$2 million shall be made to the DAA in two installments as follows: \$750,000 on or before December 31, 2018, and the balance of \$1,250,000 on January 3, 2020. The DAA agrees to pay annually to Premier 30.00% of net profits from the music and entertainment events conducted at the SSRP Music and Entertainment Venue or \$100,000, whichever is greater, until such payments equal \$2 million. Activity relating to this new agreement is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Payments	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Premier Investment Liability	\$ 1,513,122	\$ -	\$ (98,137)	\$ 1,414,985	\$ 100,000

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Note 8: Operating Leases and Agreements (Continued)

Future scheduled of minimum payments as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
2026	100,000	-	100,000
2027	100,000	-	100,000
2028	100,000	-	100,000
2029	100,000	-	100,000
2030-2034	500,000	-	500,000
2035-2038	414,985	-	414,985
	<u>\$ 1,414,985</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,414,985</u>

Other: The DAA owns a recreational park that is operated by an unrelated management company. Beginning January 1, 2021, the DAA entered into an agreement with Del Mar Golf Course Management Inc. (DMGC) DBA Surf & Turf Rec Center to operate the recreational park and RV park. In 2024, the DAA took over operations of the RV Park. DMGC only operates the recreational park. The DAA recognized net revenues from DMGC of \$862,945 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 9: Other Liabilities

Activity of other liabilities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Senate Bill No. 84 Liability	\$ 1,544,239	\$ -	\$ (619,895)	\$ 924,344	\$ 924,344

See Note 10 for information related to Senate Bill No. 84 (SB 84).

Note 10: Public Employees' Retirement System

Plan description: The DAA participates in the state of California—Miscellaneous Plan, an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) administered by CalPERS. The Plan, part of the public agency portion of CalPERS, acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating member agencies within the state of California. A menu of benefit provisions, as well as other requirements, is established by state statutes within the Public Employees' Retirement Law. The state of California selects optional benefit provisions from the benefit menu by contract with CalPERS and adopts those benefits through local ordinance. CalPERS issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report. Copies of the CalPERS' annual financial report may be obtained by contacting the CalPERS Fiscal Services Division.

Benefits provided: All employees who work half-time or more are eligible to participate in the Plan. CalPERS provides retirement, death, disability and survivor benefits. Vesting occurs after five years. The benefit provisions are established by the Public Employees' Retirement Law and the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, and are summarized in Appendix B of the state's June 30, 2022, Actuarial Valuation Report, which may be found at <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/forms-publications/2022-state-valuation.pdf>.

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Note 10: Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

In general, retirement benefits are based on a formula using a member's years of service credit, age at retirement and final compensation (average salary for a defined period of employment). Retirement formulas are based on membership category and specific provisions in the employees' contracts.

The three basic types of retirement are:

Service retirement: The normal retirement is a lifetime benefit. In most cases, employees become eligible for service retirement as early as age 50 with five years of service credit. If the employee became a member on or after January 1, 2013, he or she must be at least 52 years old with at least five years of service to retire. Second-tier employees become eligible at age 55 with at least 10 years of service credit.

Vested deferred retirement: Vested members who leave employment but keep their contribution balances on deposit with CalPERS are eligible for this benefit.

Disability retirement: Vested members who can no longer perform the usual duties of their current position due to illness or injury may receive this credit.

Contributions: Participating employers and active members are required to contribute a percentage of covered salary to the Plan. Section 20814(c) of the Plan requires that employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. The total plan contributions are determined through CalPERS' annual actuarial valuation process. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount necessary to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The employer is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees. Employer contribution rates may change if plan contracts are amended. Payments made by the employer to satisfy contribution requirements that are identified by the pension plan terms as plan member contribution requirements are classified as plan member contributions. Those rates reflect Section 20683.2, which mandates that certain employees must contribute more as of July 1, 2015. Furthermore, any reduction in employer contributions due to the increase in employee contributions must be paid by the employer toward the unfunded liability.

The employee contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024, was 10% for the skilled craftsmen and 8% for all other employees. The employer contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024, was 30.71% for State Miscellaneous Member employees. The required contributions and the amount paid by the DAA for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, was \$3,324,155. The DAA's employer contributions were equal to the required employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Pension liability: At December 31, 2024, the DAA reported a net pension liability of \$15,837,653 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The DAA's portion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the DAA's pensionable compensation relative to the pensionable compensation of all participating employers, as determined by CalPERS. At June 30, 2023, the DAA's proportion was 0.04122%

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Note 10: Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the DAA recognized pension expense of \$1,346,533. At December 31, 2024, the DAA reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Change in Assumptions	\$ 822,077
Difference between expected and actual experience	758,956
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investment	1,917,342
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,324,155
	<u>\$ 6,822,530</u>

At December 31, 2024, the DAA reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 245,951
	<u>\$ 245,951</u>

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from DAA contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaled \$3,324,155 and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	
2025	\$ 885,601
2026	679,206
2027	1,569,817
2028	117,800
	<u>\$ 3,252,424</u>

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Note 10: Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Actuarial methods and assumptions: The total pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 (measurement date), by rolling forward the total pension liability determined by the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation (valuation date), based on the actuarial assumptions shown in the table below:

Valuation date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal in accordance with the requirements
Discount rate	6.90%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	Varies by entry age and service
Investment rate of return	6.90% net of pension plan investment expense but without reduction for administrative expenses; includes inflation.
Mortality (1)	Derived using CalPERS' Membership data for all funds.
Post-retirement benefit adjustments(COLA)	Contract COLA or 2.30% until the purchasing power protection allowance floor on purchasing power applies, 2.30% thereafter.

(1) The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS-specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 2001 to 2019. Pre-retirement and Post-retirement mortality rates include 15 years of projected mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions report from November 2021 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

CalPERS is scheduled to review all actuarial assumptions as part of its regular asset liability management review cycle, scheduled to be completed in February 2023. Any changes to the discount rate will require action on the part of CalPERS' Board of Administration and proper stakeholder outreach. No changes to the discount rate were made as of the measurement date of June 30, 2023.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the 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.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all of the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11+ years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the rounded single equivalent expected return that arrived at the

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same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equal to the single equivalent rate calculated above and adjusted to account for assumed administrative expenses. The expected real rates of return by asset class are as followed:

Asset Class (1)	Assumed Asset Allocation	Real Return Years (1,2)
Global Equity - Cap-weighted	30.0%	4.54%
Global Equity - Non-Cap-weighted	12.0%	3.84%
Private Equity	13.0%	7.28%
Treasury	5.0%	0.27%
Mortgage-back Securities	5.0%	0.50%
Investment Grade Corporates	10.0%	1.56%
High Yeild	5.0%	2.27%
Emerging Market Debt	5.0%	2.48%
Private Debt	5.0%	3.57%
Real Assets	15.0%	3.21%
Leverage	-5.0%	-0.59%
	100.0%	

(1) An expected inflation rate of 2.30% is used for this period.

(2) Figures are based on the 2021 Asset Liability Management study.

In December 2016, the CalPERS Board of Administration voted to lower the discount rate used in its actuarial assumptions from 7.50% to 7.00% (net of 0.15% administrative expenses) effective July 1, 2017. A similar reduction to the discount rate in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68 will increase the net pension liability. This increase will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees provided with benefits through the pension plans. This period ranges from 3.5 to 5.2 years.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 10: Public Employees' Retirement System (Continued)

Sensitivity of the DAA's proportionate share of the state's net pension liability to changes in the discount rate: The following table presents the DAA's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the DAA's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.90%) or one percentage point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate -1% (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	Discount Rate +1% (7.90%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 22,979,978	\$ 15,837,653	\$ 9,874,604

Pension plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial report at www.CalPERS.ca.gov.

SB 84: On July 10, 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 84 into law, which had the effect of borrowing \$6 billion from the PMIA to make a one-time supplemental payment to CalPERS as part of the 2017 to 2018 fiscal year budget package. The intent of this one-time supplemental payment was to save the state money over the next few decades by slowing the pace of cost increases for the state's annual pension payments.

Under SB 84, the Department of Finance (the DOF) was required to develop a repayment schedule for the loan principal and interest accrued from the \$6 billion that was borrowed from the PMIA. As part of its requirement, the DOF was tasked with determining the proportionate share of the obligation attributable to the DAAs. The DOF has informed the DAA that the liability allocated to the DAA is \$3,403,924. This obligation was calculated by the DOF based on the 2016 to 2017 CalPERS employer retirement contributions. The amount is to be repaid over five fiscal years beginning in 2020 and ending in 2025. The repayment schedule is as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2025	\$ 924,344
	<u>\$ 924,344</u>

Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations

During fiscal year 2018, the DAA adopted GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The primary objective of this statement is to improve information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. This statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all post-employment benefits (pensions and OPEB) with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency. This OPEB plan is considered an agent- multiemployer plan.

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Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

General information about the OPEB plan:

Plan description: The DAA contributes to the Plan and CalPERS administers the plan. CalPERS provides lifetime retiree medical coverage to eligible employees and their dependents. In most cases, the employee can retire at age 50 with five years of service credit. If the employee became a member on or after January 1, 2013, they must be at least 52 years old to retire. The medical plan benefits are contracted with CalPERS under the Public Employees’ Medical and Hospital Care Act, and dental benefits under the State Employees’ Dental Care Act.

Benefits provided: The state of California provides medical, prescription drug and dental benefits (health care benefits) to retired statewide employees through a single-employer defined benefit plan. The state participates in the CERBT, an agent multiple-employer plan consisting of an aggregation of single- employer plans, including over 531 contributing employers. The state also offers life insurance, long-term care and vision benefits to retirees; however, because these benefits are completely paid for by retirees, there is no GASB Statements No. 74 or 75 liability to the state on behalf of such benefits.

Contributions: The DAA adopted the entry age normal actuarial cost method pre-funding prospectively. The entry age normal actuarial cost method, with the contributions determined as a percent of payroll, is a projected benefit cost method, which takes into account those benefits that are expected to be earned in the future, as well as those already accrued. The plan uses a 6.75% discount rate, assuming the DAA continues prefunding 100% of each future year’s annual required contribution. The DAA assumes a 30-year amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability, with certain adjustments for changes in the net OPEB obligation.

The premium apportionment is set by the Craft and Maintenance Bargaining Unit (BU12), the Stationary Engineers Bargaining Unit (BU13), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Exempt Excluded Executive (EEE). The DAA currently pays the medical plan premiums for both retirees and active employees and their dependents at a rate set by contract at CalPERS.

The DAA has voluntarily opted for a funding policy under which it will contribute 100% of its actuarially determined annual required contribution. Contributions to the OPEB Plan from the DAA for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, was \$309,788.

California state employees covered by benefit terms: At December 31, 2024, the following California state employees for each respective valuation group were covered by the benefit terms:

	Exempt Excluded Executive (EEE)	Other	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)	Craft and Maintenance (BU12)	Stationary Engineers (BU13)
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4,432	8,246	79,088	10,623	1,011
Active employees	8,658	4,442	119,580	13,118	954
	<u>13,090</u>	<u>12,688</u>	<u>198,668</u>	<u>23,741</u>	<u>1,965</u>

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Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

OPEB liabilities, OPEB expense and deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB:

The DAA's net OPEB liability was \$4,684,449 at December 31, 2024. The DAA's net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the DAA recognized OPEB expense (benefit) of \$1,666,119 and included in other post-employment benefit costs and net OPEB liability adjustment on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

At December 31, 2024, the DAA reported deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 312,915	\$ 238,459
Change of assumptions	203,553	567,905
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB Plan investment	20,827	23,010
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	309,788	-
	<u>\$ 847,083</u>	<u>\$ 829,374</u>

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows related to OPEB, \$309,788 resulting from DAA contributions subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Years Ending December 31,</u>	
2025	\$ (95,657)
2026	(91,279)
2027	(91,944)
2028	(68,028)
2029	(832)
Thereafter	55,661
	<u>\$ (292,079)</u>

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Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions: The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Valuation date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 75
Actuarial assumptions:	
Discount rate	Blended rate for each valuation group, consisting of 6.00% when assets are available to pay benefits, otherwise 20-year Municipal G.O. Bond AA Index rate of 3.69%
	Five years
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets as of the measurement date
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	Varies by entry and service
Investment rate of return	6.00%, net of OPEB plan investment expenses but without reduction for OPEB plan administrative expenses.
Healthcare cost trend rates	Pre-Medicare coverage: Actual rates for 2024, increasing to 7.00% in 2025, grading down to 4.50% from 2030 to 2038, and 4.25% for 2039 and later years. Post-Medicare coverage: Actual rates for 2024, increasing to rates ranging from 7.00% to 7.66% in 2025, grading down to 4.50% from 2035 to 2038, and 4.25% for 2039 and later years. Dental coverage: 0.23% for 2024, 2.00% for 2025, 3.00% for 2026, 4.00% for 2027, and 4.25% for 2028 and later years.
Mortality rate table	Derived using CalPERS' membership data for all members.

The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS' specific data. The table includes 15 years of mortality improvements using the Society of Actuaries 80% Scale MP 2020. For more details on this table, refer to the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions report (the Experience Study) for the period from 2000 to 2019. Other demographic assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, valuation were also based on the results of the 2021 Experience Study, including updates to termination, disability, and retirement rates. The 2021 Experience Study report is available at www.CalPERS.ca.gov.

The retirement rates that were used in the most recent CalPERS Public Agency Miscellaneous 2.00% at 60 for actives hired before January 1, 2013, and 2.00% at 62 for actives hired on or after January 1, 2013.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. Expected compound (geometric) real returns were calculated over a closed period. Based on separate expected real returns for the short-term (first 5 years) and the long-term (6-20) years), and an average inflation assumption of 2.30%, a single expected nominal return rate of 6.00% was calculated for the combined short-term and long-term periods. If applied to expected cash flows during that period, the resulting present value of benefits is expected to be consistent with the present value of benefits that would be determined by applying the short and long-term expected rates to the same cash flows.

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Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

As of December 31, 2024, the long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class in the Plan's portfolio are as follows:

Investment Class	Target Asset Allocation	Real Return Years 1-5	Real Return Years 6-20
Global equity	49.0%	4.40%	4.50%
Fixed income	23.0%	-1.00%	2.20%
Treasury inflation-protected securities	5.0%	-1.80%	1.30%
Real estate investment trusts	20.0%	3.00%	3.90%
Commodities	3.0%	0.80%	1.20%
	100.0%		

In the fiscal year 2020-21, the blended discount rates used in the actuarial assumptions changed from the prior year. Please refer to the prior year report on the State Controller's Office website.

Discount rate: The blended rates used to measure the June 30, 2021 total OPEB liability consist of the 20-year Municipal G.O. Bond AA Index rate of 1.92% as of June 30, 2021, as reported by Fidelity, when prefunding assets are not available to pay benefits, and 6.00% when prefunding assets are available to pay benefits. The cash flow projections used to calculate the blended discount rates were developed assuming that prefunding agreements in which actuarial determined normal costs are shared between employees and the State will continue and that the required contributions will be made on time and as scheduled in future years. The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 includes the impact of the temporary suspensions of employee contributions under the Personal Leave Program that was in effect during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The prefunding agreements are subject to collective bargaining and legislative approval. Detailed information on the blended discount rates by valuation group is available in the State of California Retiree Health Benefits Program GASB Nos. 74 and 75 Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2022, on the State Controller's Office website, at www.sco.ca.gov.

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate: The following table presents the net OPEB liability of the DAA as of the measurement date, calculated using the discount rate for the DAA, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.00%) or one percentage point higher (7.00%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (5.00%)	Discount Rate (6.00%)	1% Increase (7.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 5,497,215	\$ 4,684,449	\$ 4,022,929

22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 11: Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the health care cost trend rates: The following presents the net OPEB liability of the DAA, as well as what the DAA's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower (3.25%) or one percentage point higher (5.25%) than the current health care cost trend rate:

	Health Care Cost Trend Rate 1% Decrease (6.00%, Decreasing to 3.25%)	Health Care Cost Trend Rate (7.00%, Decreasing to 4.25%)	Health Care Cost Trend Rate 1% Increase (8.00%, Decreasing to 5.25%)
Net OPEB liability	\$3,968,191	\$ 4,684,449	\$5,591,948

Note 12: Deferred Compensation

The DAA offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all DAA employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death or emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan are submitted to the state of California after each pay period. Thus, no assets or liabilities associated with the plan are included in the DAA's financial statements.

Note 13: Contingencies

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District has obtained insurance to cover these risks. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District is subject to various claims and legal actions relating to a range of matters that are incidental to the conduct of its operations. The District's management believes, after reviewing such matters and consulting with the District's legal counsel, that the aggregate effect of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the District's financial position or results of operations.

Note 13: Paycheck Protection Program Repayment

In May 2020, the DAA secured a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan totaling \$4,713,700. In June 2021, the Small Business Administration (SBA) fully forgave the loan. However, in 2023, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California initiated a review of the DAA's eligibility for the PPP loan. As a result, in October 2024, the DAA agreed to repay the full loan amount, including interest and fees, totaling \$5,664,015. This repayment is reflected in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position under nonoperating revenues (expenses).

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

THE 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENTS

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA - MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
 AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
DAA's proportion of net pension liability	0.09858%	0.09647%	0.09486%	0.09378%	0.09656%
DAA's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 23,470,069	\$ 27,245,770	\$ 31,413,325	\$ 34,264,531	\$ 30,334,440
DAA's covered payroll	9,584,111	10,165,779	10,645,864	10,922,111	11,621,146
DAA's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	244.89%	268.01%	295.08%	313.72%	261.03%
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	74.17%	70.68%	66.81%	66.42%	71.83%

(1) Historical information is required only for measurement for which GASB 68 is applicable.

THE 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENTS

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA - MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
 AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
DAA's proportion of net pension liability	0.09940%	0.08926%	0.03690%	0.03653%	0.04122%
DAA's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 33,432,199	\$ 31,028,963	\$ 8,221,540	\$ 13,808,976	\$ 15,837,653
DAA's covered payroll	12,512,491	11,829,657	5,130,672	5,151,102	6,168,762
DAA's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	267.19%	262.30%	160.24%	268.08%	256.74%
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	71.34%	71.51%	82.39%	71.63%	72.46%

(1) Historical information is required only for measurement for which GASB 68 is applicable.

THE 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENTS

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA - MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 2,116,483	\$ 2,506,349	\$ 2,662,820	\$ 2,891,680	\$ 3,314,443
Contribution in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	(2,125,650)	(2,516,766)	(2,673,670)	(2,902,564)	(6,802,127)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ (9,168)	\$ (10,417)	\$ (10,851)	\$ (10,884)	\$ (3,487,684)
Covered Payroll	\$ 9,584,111	\$ 10,165,779	\$ 10,645,864	\$ 10,922,111	\$ 11,621,146
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	22.18%	24.76%	25.11%	26.58%	58.53%

(1) Historical information is required only for measurement for which GASB 68 is applicable.

Note to Schedule:

Valuation Date: June 30, 2020

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Asset valuation method	Direct rate smoothing
Inflation	2.50%
Payroll Growth	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases	Varies by Entry Age and Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.0% Net of Pension Plan Investment and Administrative Expenses; includes Inflation.
Retirement Age	

All other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from 1997 to 2015, including updates to salary increase, mortality and retirement rates. The Experience Study report may be accessed on the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov under Forms and Publications.

Mortality

The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2017 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 1997 to 2015. Pre-retirement and post-retirement mortality rates include 15 years of projected mortality improvement using 90% of Scale MP-2016 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the 2017 experience study report.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA - MISCELLANEOUS PLAN
AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 3,742,147	\$ 3,730,833	\$ 1,389,425	\$ 1,545,309	\$ 1,953,074
Contribution in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	<u>(3,754,675)</u>	<u>(4,470,722)</u>	<u>(1,394,172)</u>	<u>(1,866,570)</u>	<u>(2,584,917)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ (12,528)</u>	<u>\$ (739,889)</u>	<u>\$ (4,747)</u>	<u>\$ (321,261)</u>	<u>\$ (631,843)</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 12,512,491	\$ 11,829,657	\$ 5,130,672	\$ 5,151,102	\$ 6,168,762
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	30.01%	37.79%	27.17%	36.24%	41.90%

(1) Historical information is required only for measurement for which GASB 68 is applicable.

THE 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENTS

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 13,340	\$ 155,433	\$ 242,067	\$ 154,833	\$ 169,082	\$ 96,253	\$ 149,083
Interest on the total OPEB liability	15,744	181,065	260,895	136,394	120,705	123,601	205,427
Actual and expected experience difference	(32,828)	(87,443)	(199,071)	(325,199)	140,920	11,364	210,441
Changes in assumptions	(15,187)	4,258,083	2,428,581	(2,760,135)	(823,500)	(827,324)	1,685,365
Benefit payments	(10,412)	(130,860)	(207,519)	(126,960)	(136,800)	(109,783)	(181,034)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(29,343)	4,376,278	2,524,953	(2,921,067)	(529,593)	(705,889)	2,069,282
Total OPEB liability - beginning	393,881	364,538	4,740,816	7,265,769	4,344,702	3,815,109	3,109,220
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	364,538	4,740,816	7,265,769	4,344,702	3,815,109	3,109,220	5,178,502
Plan Fiduciary Net Position							
Contribution - employer	11,166	144,331	248,023	126,960	173,594	139,312	223,985
Contribution - employees	754	13,471	40,504	31,865	69,751	29,529	42,951
Net investment income	93	2,220	3,057	23,222	(30,942)	13,011	56,310
Benefit payments	(10,412)	(130,860)	(207,519)	(126,960)	(136,800)	(109,783)	(181,034)
Administrative expense	(1)	(13)	(45)	(33)	(46)	(55)	(131)
Other miscellaneous income/expense	(7)	8,672	(7,972)	(42,826)	(2)	(40,382)	116,194
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	1,593	37,821	76,048	12,228	75,555	31,632	258,275
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	901	2,494	40,315	116,363	128,591	204,146	235,778
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	2,494	40,315	116,363	128,591	204,146	235,778	494,053
Net OPEB Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 362,044	\$ 4,700,501	\$ 7,149,406	\$ 4,216,111	\$ 3,610,963	\$ 2,873,442	\$ 4,684,449
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.68%	0.85%	1.60%	2.96%	5.35%	7.58%	9.54%

(1) Historical information is required only for the measurement periods for which GASB 75 is applicable. Fiscal Year 2018 was the first year of implementation. Future years' information will be displayed up to 10 years as information becomes available.

Notes to Schedule: None

Changes in Assumptions: In 2019, the mortality improvement scale was updated to the Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2019. In December 2019, the ACA Excise Tax was repealed and removed from the actuarial assumptions.

THE 22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENTS

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB
AS OF JUNE 30, FOR THE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 19,101	\$ 225,512	\$ 332,432	\$ 209,124	\$ 174,534	\$ 149,854	\$ 249,153
Contribution in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	(11,166)	(144,331)	(248,023)	(158,825)	(206,550)	(139,312)	(223,985)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 7,935</u>	<u>\$ 81,181</u>	<u>\$ 84,409</u>	<u>\$ 50,299</u>	<u>\$ (32,016)</u>	<u>\$ 10,542</u>	<u>\$ 25,168</u>
Expected return on assets	\$ 120	\$ 1,707	\$ 6,510	\$ 6,019	\$ 10,862	\$ 11,570	\$ 24,291
Percentage of ADC made by employer	58.46%	64.00%	74.61%	75.95%	118.34%	92.97%	89.90%

(1) Historical information is required only for the measurement periods for which GASB 75 is applicable. Fiscal Year 2018 was the first year of implementation. Future years' information will be displayed up to 10 years as information becomes available.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contributions:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Discount Rate	6.00%
General Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth	Varies by age and service
Mortality, Disability, Termination, Retirement	2021 CalPERS Experience Study; Mortality Improvement - Mortality projected fully generational with Scale MP-2020
Medical Trend	Pre-Medicare - Actual rates for 2024, increasing to 7.00% in 2025, grading down to 4.50% from 2023 to 2038, and 4.25% for 2039 and later years. Post-Medicare - Actual rates for 2024, increasing to rates ranging from 7.00% to 7.66% in 2025, grading down to 4.50% from 2035 to 2038, and 4.25% for 2039 and later years. Dental - 0.23% for 2024, 2.00% for 2025, 3.00% for 2026, 4.00% for 2027, and 4.25% for 2028 and later years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	DAA	RTA	RTLC	Eliminations	Total
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,439,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,439,137
Current portion of restricted investments	-	3,208,015	-	-	3,208,015
Accounts receivable, net	2,136,006	-	694,923	(694,923)	2,136,006
Prepaid expenses and other	389,790	-	-	-	389,790
Total Current Assets	37,964,933	3,208,015	694,923	(694,923)	41,172,948
Restricted investments, long-term portion	-	4,336,747	-	-	4,336,747
Capital assets, net	46,940,259	59,058,933	-	-	105,999,192
Total Assets	84,905,192	66,603,695	694,923	(694,923)	151,508,887
Deferred Outflows of Resources:					
Deferred outflow of pension liability	6,822,530	-	-	-	6,822,530
Deferred OPEB	847,083	-	-	-	847,083
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	7,669,613	-	-	-	7,669,613
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 92,574,805	\$ 66,603,695	\$ 694,923	\$ (694,923)	\$ 159,178,500
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 9,119,055	\$ 274,920	\$ -	\$ (694,923)	\$ 8,699,052
Accrued interest	327,226	395,586	-	-	722,812
Accrued liabilities and other	3,076,372	188,249	(6)	-	3,264,615
Accrued compensated absences	1,229,613	-	-	-	1,229,613
Current portion of premier investment liability	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Current portion of SB84 liability	924,344	-	-	-	924,344
Current portion of loan payable	960,787	-	-	-	960,787
Current portion of bonds payable	-	1,665,000	-	-	1,665,000
Total Current Liabilities	15,737,397	2,523,755	(6)	(694,923)	17,566,223
Long-Term Liabilities					
Premier investment liability, long-term portion	1,314,985	-	-	-	1,314,985
Loan payable, long-term portion	22,286,129	-	-	-	22,286,129
Bonds payable, long-term portion	-	30,257,366	-	-	30,257,366
Net pension liability	15,837,653	-	-	-	15,837,653
Net OPEB liability	4,684,449	-	-	-	4,684,449
Total Long-Term Liabilities	44,123,216	30,257,366	-	-	74,380,582
	59,860,613	32,781,121	(6)	(694,923)	91,946,805
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Deferred gain on debt defeasance	-	39,188	-	-	39,188
Deferred inflow of pension liability	245,951	-	-	-	245,951
Deferred inflow on OPEB	829,374	-	-	-	829,374
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,075,325	39,188	-	-	1,114,513
Net Position:					
Net investment in capital assets	23,693,343	27,136,567	-	-	50,829,910
Restricted for debt service	-	6,629,266	-	-	6,629,266
Unrestricted	7,945,524	17,553	694,929	-	8,658,006
Total Net Position	31,638,867	33,783,386	694,929	-	66,117,182
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	\$ 92,574,805	\$ 66,603,695	\$ 694,923	\$ (694,923)	\$ 159,178,500

22nd DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	DAA	RTA	RTL	Eliminations	Total
Operating Revenues:					
Food and beverage	\$ 23,288,822	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,288,822
Concessions/carnivals	26,124,793	-	-	-	26,124,793
Admissions	11,705,213	-	-	-	11,705,213
Facility rentals	7,327,096	-	-	-	7,327,096
Satellite wagering	529,103	-	-	-	529,103
Parking	6,258,673	-	-	-	6,258,673
Leases/operating agreement	2,393,239	1,595,000	-	-	3,988,239
Sponsorships	1,795,800	-	-	-	1,795,800
State apportionment	2,045,000	-	-	-	2,045,000
Other	671,679	-	-	-	671,679
Total Operating Revenues	82,139,418	1,595,000	-	-	83,734,418
Operating Expenses:					
Payroll and related benefits, excluding pension cost	15,231,425	-	-	-	15,231,425
Pension cost and net pension liability adjustment	3,792,856	-	-	-	3,792,856
Food and beverage	19,575,277	-	-	-	19,575,277
Entertainment	15,063,145	-	-	-	15,063,145
Maintenance	7,159,929	-	-	-	7,159,929
Facilities and related supplies	1,547,404	-	-	-	1,547,404
Insurance	2,018,229	-	-	-	2,018,229
Depreciation	4,481,102	5,992,035	-	-	10,473,137
Professional services	9,694,306	72,815	2,454	-	9,769,575
Marketing	1,247,682	-	-	-	1,247,682
Other post-employment benefit cost and net OPEB liability adjustment	1,666,119	-	-	-	1,666,119
Other	2,315,370	2,500	-	-	2,317,870
Total Operating Expenses	83,792,844	6,067,350	2,454	-	89,862,648
Income (Loss) from Operations	(1,653,426)	(4,472,350)	(2,454)	-	(6,128,230)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):					
Interest income	1,633,639	610,434	-	-	2,244,073
Interest expense	(1,743,377)	(1,603,875)	-	-	(3,347,252)
Other income	817,342	(822)	-	-	816,520
PPP loan repayment	(4,760,873)	-	-	-	(4,760,873)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(4,053,269)	(994,263)	-	-	(5,047,532)
Change in Net Position	(5,706,695)	(5,466,613)	(2,454)	-	(11,175,762)
Net Position, Beginning of Year	37,345,562	39,249,999	697,383	-	77,292,944
Net position, End of Year	\$ 31,638,867	\$ 33,783,386	\$ 694,929	\$ -	\$ 66,117,182

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RATING ACTION COMMENTARY

Fitch Affirms Del Mar Race Track Authority Bonds at 'BB-'; Outlook Stable

Fri 21 Nov, 2025 - 1:46 PM ET

Fitch Ratings - New York - 21 Nov 2025: Fitch Ratings has affirmed Del Mar Race Track Authority, CA's (RTA) \$29 million Series 2015 revenue bonds at 'BB-'. The Rating Outlook is Stable.

RATING RATIONALE

The 'BB-' rating reflects the elevated vulnerability of the RTA's operating profile to the declining popularity of horse racing in California and across the country. Longer-term historical declines in track attendance have reduced margins for track net revenue, leading to lower net revenue from racing operations and greater reliance on concession revenue to support debt service.

Although Del Mar hosted the Breeders Cup in 2024 and 2025, Fitch's rating case assumes a continued decline in gross track revenue in 2026, with net concession revenue becoming the sole source for debt service after 2027. Under the rating case, the 10-year average DSCR is 1.32x, with a minimum of 0.91x in 2037. The rating is supported by strong debt structural features, including prepayment tests that trigger if coverage exceeds or falls below 2.0x, expected early amortization of the bonds, and reduced long-term risk for horse racing, consistent with a 'BB-' rating. Fitch's rating case does not assume any prepayments under the debt structure, although prepayments are expected in practice.

Although net concession revenue bolsters the debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) through debt tenor, this revenue depends on the facility remaining open, with either sustained attendance at non-racing events or higher per capita concession spending, which is uncertain over the long term. Fitch will monitor the facility's financial viability and update the rating to reflect future material credit events as they arise.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Revenue Risk: Franchise - Weaker

Declining Fan Base: Declines in the California horse racing, as well as exposure to adverse events such as equine deaths at tracks, have driven a long-term trend of reduced attendance and uncertainty in fan support, despite temporary improvements during the pandemic. Tracks also increasingly compete with internet gaming and regional casinos for gamblers. These weaknesses are somewhat offset by an affluent service area combined with semi-diverse revenue from wagering, and concessions generated from other fairground events. However, given the industry's continued deterioration, track revenue appears less sustainable over the longer term.

Facility Infrastructure Development/Renewal - Midrange

Limited Financial Obligation to Capital Improvement Plan: The score reflects the limited capacity of excess cashflow available to the RTA to fund any potential fairgrounds capital projects. Recent large fairgrounds capital projects were separately funded by the 22nd District Agricultural Association (DAA), including the renovation of an existing satellite wagering building into a multi-purpose entertainment venue, "the Sound," which is bolstering DAA concession revenue and supporting a mild diversification in pledged revenue. The RTA has previously relied on bond financings to fund major capital renovations to the track grounds. Currently the RTA is not responsible for any major capital spending plans.

Debt Structure - 1 - Stronger

Favorable Provisions and Reserves: Debt is 100% fixed rate and fully amortizes by 2038 with a flat debt service profile of \$3.2 million per annum. A debt prepayment feature accelerates prepayment of principal in the amount of 30% of pledged net revenue (subject to a \$4 million cap on net concession revenue) that exceeds 2.0x debt service. A second prepayment feature offers further protection if coverage test revenue (i.e., pledged revenue, including all available uncapped net concession revenue) should fall below 2.0x debt service. No debt may be issued senior to the 2015 bonds, and rating agency verification is required for any additional parity bonds. A debt service reserve fund (DSRF) is fully cash funded at maximum annual debt service (MADS).

Financial Profile

Overall financial performance for 2024 was broadly in line with prior years. Net track revenue declined somewhat, while net concession revenue increased, benefiting from hosting the 2024 Breeder's Cup, as well as revenue diversification from the new music venue at the fairgrounds, which also contributed to net concession revenue.

Fitch cases reflect declining horse-racing trends and thin operating margins on net racetrack revenue. This leads to higher reliance on net concession revenue, which also is vulnerable to deterioration. Under Fitch's rating case, net racetrack revenue is depleted by 2028, and the 10-year average DSCR is 1.32x, falling to a minimum of 0.91x in 2037, as no pledged racetrack revenue are available to support debt service. The profile exhibits a high degree of volatility with slight changes in net track profitability contributing to large variances in annual DSCR.

PEER GROUP

There are no directly comparable peers, as this is the only racetrack that Fitch rates.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

--Continued decline in horse racing such that the racetrack is no longer financially sustainable.

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

--Proactive managerial decisions that lead to viable cost reductions and/or consistent revenue growth resulting in a stable long-term financial profile.

CREDIT UPDATE

Net track revenue for 2024 came in at \$1.79 million, slightly higher than anticipated during the previous review. Concession net revenue totaled \$3.31 million. Unencumbered operating cash and investments in LAIF decreased slightly, with \$31.8 million available in December 2024. Wagers increased as expected, with a total handle (the total amount wagered on a race) of \$872.6 million 2024, up 28.1% from 2023, due to inclusion of Breeders' Cup handles. Excluding the Breeders' Cup, wagers were \$669.2 million, decreasing by 1.7% in 2024. Fitch views the 2024 handle growth as primarily event-driven, with the decline in core wagering excluding the Breeders' Cup indicating subdued underlying demand.

Total track attendance during 2024 was higher than 2023, at 387,054 patrons. However, this increase is attributed to hosting the Breeders' Cup. Summer meet attendance was 273,587 (70.7% of total), which returned to 31 race days from 30 days the previous year. Average daily attendance in the summer was down 4.2% compared with 2023. The 14-day fall meet (11.9% of total) had attendance of 46,049, a 10.74% decrease from 2023 fall attendance, despite the increase in racing days from 13 to 14 for the 2024 season. The Breeders' Cup, which was not held the previous year, saw attendance of 67,418. Attendance in 2024 represents 83% of pre-pandemic attendance, which had already fallen from previous peaks of over 700,000 patrons. Fitch views the increase in attendance as largely nonrecurring, and notes patronage remains below pre-pandemic levels, which may limit onsite revenue growth.

Overall handle in 2024 increased 28.1% due to the hosting of the Breeder's Cup at Del Mar in 2024, which greatly increased wagering. Non-Breeder's Cup handle decreased slightly in 2024 when compared with 2023. Out-of-state wagering continues to be the largest component of total handle at 55%, followed by offtrack wagering at 32%. On-track wagering makes up only 8% of the total, representing a significant decline from 17% of total handle in 2014.

Net racetrack revenue decreased by 31.46% in 2024 to an estimated \$1.79 million due to a major increase in operating expenses. The decline in net track revenue in 2024 was attributed to increases in advertising, service contracts and equipment rentals.

In 2023, "the Sound" opened on the fairgrounds. The venue is an 1,892 seat multi-use entertainment venue that primarily hosts concerts. This capital project was undertaken and financed by DAA and was a renovation of an existing satellite wagering building. In 2024, the venue hosted 60 events, falling short of the forecasted 80 shows. Despite the decrease in shows, net income for the year amounted to \$505,170, which falls below the forecast by about 10%. Fitch views the development of the venue as a signal that management intends to diversify revenue streams at the fairgrounds and contribute additional concession revenue toward the rated bonds. No other major capital expenditures are planned at Del Mar.

SECURITY

The bonds are secured by net concession revenue (capped at \$4 million) generated by the DAA and net track revenue generated by DMTC.

REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

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Del Mar Race Track Authority (CA) has an ESG Relevance Score of '4' for Financial Transparency due to delays in publication of audited financial statements, which has a negative impact on the credit profile, and is relevant to the ratings in conjunction with other factors.

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ENTITY / DEBT	RATING	PRIOR
Del Mar Race Track Authority (CA)		
Del Mar Race Track Authority (CA) /Sports Facility Revenues - First Lien/1 LT	LT	BB- Rating Outlook Stable
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Item 4, Reports - Amortization Schedule for Del Mar Race Track Authority Bonds, Series 2015

Debt Service Date	Principal Due	Interest Due			Total Payment	Ending Balance
4/1/2026	--	725,625.00			725,625.00	29,025,000.00
10/1/2026	1,745,000.00	725,625.00			2,470,625.00	27,280,000.00
4/1/2027	--	682,000.00			682,000.00	27,280,000.00
10/1/2027	1,835,000.00	682,000.00			2,517,000.00	25,445,000.00
4/1/2028	--	636,125.00			636,125.00	25,445,000.00
10/1/2028	1,925,000.00	636,125.00			2,561,125.00	23,520,000.00
4/1/2029	--	588,000.00			588,000.00	23,520,000.00
10/1/2029	2,020,000.00	588,000.00			2,608,000.00	21,500,000.00
4/1/2030	--	537,500.00			537,500.00	21,500,000.00
10/1/2030	2,125,000.00	537,500.00			2,662,500.00	19,375,000.00
4/1/2031	--	484,375.00			484,375.00	19,375,000.00
10/1/2031	2,230,000.00	484,375.00			2,714,375.00	17,145,000.00
4/1/2032	--	428,625.00			428,625.00	17,145,000.00
10/1/2032	2,340,000.00	428,625.00			2,768,625.00	14,805,000.00
4/1/2033	--	370,125.00			370,125.00	14,805,000.00
10/1/2033	2,460,000.00	370,125.00			2,830,125.00	12,345,000.00
4/1/2034	--	308,625.00			308,625.00	12,345,000.00
10/1/2034	2,580,000.00	308,625.00			2,888,625.00	9,765,000.00
4/1/2035	--	244,125.00			244,125.00	9,765,000.00
10/1/2035	2,710,000.00	244,125.00			2,954,125.00	7,055,000.00
4/1/2036	--	176,375.00			176,375.00	7,055,000.00
10/1/2036	2,050,000.00	176,375.00			2,226,375.00	5,005,000.00
4/1/2037	--	125,125.00			125,125.00	5,005,000.00
10/1/2037	2,990,000.00	125,125.00			3,115,125.00	2,015,000.00
4/1/2038	--	50,375.00			50,375.00	2,015,000.00
10/1/2038	2,015,000.00	50,375.00			2,065,375.00	--

Del Mar Race Track Authority - Correspondence Received



Pls Reply ASAP/Include in Board Packets for upcoming DMTRA, SRTLC and 22nd DAA Board Meetings

From Martha Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
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Good Morning! Please include the following in the Board Packets for upcoming Meetings on March 9th and 10th of the Del Mar Race Track Authority, State Race Track Leasing Commission, and 22nd DAA Board. Thank You for your assistance.

Martha Sullivan
Imperial Beach

The California Horse Racing industry now based at three tracks in Southern California (down from 9 statewide in 2024) hinges on just \$2 - 4 Million out of the \$24 Million/year of revenue it receives from Northern California betting. *From the Los Angeles Times, published on February 26, 2026:*

"The hopes of Northern California racing and breeding interests were once again dashed when the [California Horse Racing Board](#) refused to license short racing dates to the Tehama District Fair and the Humboldt County Fair on Thursday.

"Rather than a discussion about how to grow the sport, the 2-hour 45-minute meeting was mostly about how bad the state of racing is in the state and a determination that the future of Southern California racing is in jeopardy if it isn't given every advantage available.

"That advantage is the amount of money that goes to the host track from advance deposit wagering (ADW) and computer assisted wagering (CAW). If Tehama and Humboldt were racing, then money bet by any means in Northern California would stay there, the way it was since the start of ADW until shortly after the closing of [#GoldenGateFields](#) in Berkeley.

That money now is being sent south, meaning Santa Anita Park, [Del Mar Racing](#) and [Los Alamitos Race Course](#), to increase purses. [#California #horseracing](#) is at a huge disadvantage nationally because it receives no additional income from other forms of gambling. So its purses are small compared to other large racing jurisdictions such as Kentucky and New York.

"Bill Nader, president and chief executive of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), said a month of fair racing costs the south \$2 million.

"Nader summed up the state of the industry this way:

"We would all agree these are the most difficult and challenging of times. And we can further agree that the California racing industry, not Southern California, not Northern California, but the whole California racing industry is fighting desperately to remain relevant and sustainable."

<https://www.latimes.com/sports/story/2026-02-26/chrb-dashes-hopes-of-northern-california-horse-racing>