

**SARATOGA CEMETERY
DISTRICT**

Annual Financial Report

June 30, 2023

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Saratoga Cemetery District
Saratoga, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Saratoga Cemetery District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Saratoga Cemetery 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 governmental activities, and each major fund of the Saratoga Cemetery District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Saratoga Cemetery 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 opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Saratoga Cemetery 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.

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 Saratoga Cemetery 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 Saratoga Cemetery 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 budgetary comparison information on pages 22–24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

The Saratoga Cemetery District has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 9, 2024, on our consideration of the Saratoga Cemetery 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 Saratoga Cemetery 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 Saratoga Cemetery District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

David Farnsworth, CPA

Dublin, California
July 9, 2024

Basic Financial Statement

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 14,735,390
Interest receivable	56,074
Inventory	22,989
Noncurrent Assets	
Restricted cash and investments	4,739,838
Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable	2,401,475
Depreciable, net	1,103,454
Total Assets	23,059,220
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	59,199
Accrued expenses	1,742
Due within one year: compensated absences	999
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due in more than one year:	
Compensated absences	3,995
Total Liabilities	65,935
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	3,504,929
Restricted for:	
Endowment:	
Expendable	2,388,173
Nonexpendable	2,351,665
Unrestricted	14,748,518
Total Net Position	\$ 22,993,285

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

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		<u>Program Revenues</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</u> <u>Primary Government</u>
Governmental Activities:	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Interment services	\$ 948,911	\$ 1,220,024	\$ 271,113
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 948,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,220,024</u>	<u>271,113</u>
General revenues and contributions to permanent funds:			
General revenues:			
Property taxes			1,415,616
Investment earnings			161,198
Contributions to permanent funds			167,000
Total general revenues and contributions			<u>1,743,814</u>
Change in net position			2,014,927
Net position, beginning, restated			<u>20,978,358</u>
Net position, ending			<u>\$ 22,993,285</u>

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

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 2,630,381	\$ 4,921,648	\$ 172,505	\$ 751,109	\$ 8,475,643
Investments	-	6,387,284	623,572	3,988,729	10,999,585
Interest receivable	18,210	36,482	1,382	-	56,074
Inventory	22,989	-	-	-	22,989
Total assets	\$ 2,671,580	\$ 11,345,414	\$ 797,459	\$ 4,739,838	\$ 19,554,291
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 30,509	\$ 28,690	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,199
Accrued payroll	1,742	-	-	-	1,742
Total liabilities	32,251	28,690	-	-	60,941
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Inventory	22,989	-	-	-	22,989
Endowment	-	-	-	2,351,665	2,351,665
Restricted:					
Maintenance and repairs of cemetery	-	-	-	2,388,173	2,388,173
Committed:					
Land acquisition	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned:					
Capital projects	-	11,316,724	-	-	11,316,724
Preneed Interments	-	-	797,459	-	797,459
Unassigned	2,616,340	-	-	-	2,616,340
Total fund balances	2,639,329	11,316,724	797,459	4,739,838	19,493,350
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,671,580	\$ 11,345,414	\$ 797,459	\$ 4,739,838	\$ 19,554,291

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

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Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 19,493,350

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

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Capital assets at cost	5,591,356	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,086,427)</u>	3,504,929

Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	<u>(4,994)</u>
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Net position of governmental activities \$ 22,993,285

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

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 1,412,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,412,127
Intergovernmental	3,489	-	-	-	3,489
Charges for services	248,631	916,450	54,943	-	1,220,024
Investment earnings	51,104	161,867	(2,613)	(49,160)	161,198
Contributions	-	-	-	167,000	167,000
Total revenues	1,715,351	1,078,317	52,330	117,840	2,963,838
EXPENDITURES					
Interment services:					
Salaries and employee benefits	304,572	-	-	-	304,572
Services and supplies	409,627	133,716	-	-	543,343
Total interment services	714,199	133,716	-	-	847,915
Capital outlay	-	72,373	-	-	72,373
Total expenditures	714,199	206,089	-	-	920,288
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,001,152	872,228	52,330	117,840	2,043,550
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	309,103	194,355	2,253	300,000	805,711
Transfers out	(475,607)	(292,221)	(37,883)	-	(805,711)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(166,504)	(97,866)	(35,630)	300,000	-
Net change in fund balances	834,648	774,362	16,700	417,840	2,043,550
FUND BALANCES					
Fund balances - beginning of year	1,804,681	10,542,362	780,759	4,321,998	17,449,800
Fund balances - end of year	\$ 2,639,329	\$ 11,316,724	\$ 797,459	\$ 4,739,838	\$ 19,493,350

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SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 2,043,550
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.</p>	
Capital asset additions	64,902
Depreciation expense	(93,733)
	(28,831)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are difference because: Compensated absences expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds</p>	
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Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 2,014,927

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Saratoga Cemetery District (the “District”) was organized in August 1927 and operates in conformity with the provisions of Part 4 of Division 8 of the Health and Safety Code, commencing at Section 8890. The District currently maintains the Madronia Cemetery located at 14766 Oak Street in Saratoga, California. The District provides lower cost cemetery plots and burials for the residents and taxpayers, including their qualified relatives, located within the boundaries of the District. The current boundaries of the District include the cities of Saratoga and Monte Sereno, and portions of the County of Santa Clara that fall within the Saratoga Union Elementary School District. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees appointed by the County of Santa Clara’s Board of Supervisors for a term of four years.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”), as specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”). The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Financial Statement Presentation

The District’s financial report is prepared in accordance with GAAP which prescribes that the following sections be presented:

- Management’s Discussion and Analysis - GAAP requires the financial statements be accompanied by a narrative introduction and analytical overview of the government’s financial activities in the form of management’s discussion and analysis (“MD&A”). The District has not presented the Management’s Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

- Government-Wide Financial Statements - The reporting model includes financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the government’s activities. This approach includes not just current assets and liabilities but also capital assets and long-term liabilities (such as buildings and general obligation debt).

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Primary Government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the Primary Government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the Primary Government is financially accountable.

Statement of Net Position - The Statement of Net Position is designed to display the financial position of the Primary Government (government and business-type activities) and its discretely presented component units. Governments will report all capital assets in the government-wide Statement of Net Position and will report depreciation expense - the cost of “using up” capital assets - in the Statement of Activities. The net position of a government will be broken down into three categories - 1) net investment in capital assets; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

Statement of Activities - The government-wide Statement of Activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the government’s functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenues generated directly by the function (for instance, through user charges or intergovernmental grants).

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

Fund Financial Statements – The fund financial statements provide information about the District’s governmental fund. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental– are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. Separate financial statements are provided for the major individual governmental funds reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

- Required Supplementary Information (“RSI”) - Demonstrating compliance with the adopted budget is an important component of a government’s accountability to the public. Many citizens participate in one way or another in the process of establishing the annual operating budgets of state and local governments and have a keen interest in following the actual financial progress of their governments over the course of the year. Many governments revise their original budgets over the course of the year for a variety of reasons. Under the GAAP reporting model, governments provide budgetary comparison information in their annual reports including the original budget, final budget and actual results.
- Financial Reporting Entity - The basic criterion for determining whether a governmental department, agency, institution, commission, public authority, or other governmental organization should be included in a Primary Government’s reporting entity for the basic financial statements is financial accountability wherein the entity is both fiscally dependent on the Primary Government and provides either a benefit or creates a burden on the Primary Government. The District does not have any component units.

1. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP as applicable to governmental units. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net cost per functional category (general government and culture and recreation) which are otherwise being supported by general government revenues, (property certain intergovernmental revenues, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants, and contributions. The program revenues must be directly associated with the function activity.

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

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Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Accordingly, real and personal property taxes are recorded as revenues and receivables when billed, net of allowances for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes not collected within 60 days after year-end are reflected as unavailable revenues. Licenses, permits, are recorded as revenues when received. Intergovernmental revenues, consisting primarily of federal, state, and other grants for the purpose of funding specific expenditures, are recognized when all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Revenues from general purpose grants are recognized in the period to which the grant applies. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

In the fund financial statements, financial transactions and accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds. The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent fiscal and separate accounting entity, with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and/or other financial resources together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

1. Governmental Funds - Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The District reports the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Permanent Funds as major governmental funds.

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. This fund is used to account for all financial transactions and resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from property and other local taxes, state and federal distributions, licenses, permits, charges for service, and interest income.

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund accounts for the acquisition and construction of the District's major capital expenditures.

Special Revenue Fund - The special revenue fund accounts for the preneed interment activities of the District.

Permanent Fund - The permanent fund is used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support maintenance and repairs of the cemetery.

2. Budgetary Information

1. Budgetary basis of accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general fund. The capital projects fund is appropriated on a project-length basis. The permanent fund does not have an appropriated budget since other means control the use of these resources (e.g., endowment requirements).

The appropriated budget is prepared by the fund. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account. Changes require the approval of the Board of Trustees. Appropriations in the budgeted fund lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

These budgets are revised by the District's governing board and general manager during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures. The original and final revised budgets for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund are presented as Required Supplementary Information.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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3. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

4. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, and net position/fund balance

1. *Investments*

Investments with a maturity of less than one year when purchased, non-negotiable certificates of deposits, and other nonparticipating investments are stated at cost or amortized cost. Investments with a maturity greater than one year when purchased are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction at year end.

The California Local Agency Investment Fund is managed by the California Office of the Treasurer, which allows certain types of governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. Investments in the Pool are valued at the Pool’s share price, the price at which the investment could be sold.

2. *Inventories*

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method and consist of expendable vaults. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

3. *Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements for the District. Capital assets are defined by the Districts as land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment with an initial individual cost of more than \$2,500 (amount not rounded). Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the Primary Government, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Assets	Years
Buildings	20
Motor vehicles	10
Equipment	5 - 20
Infrastructure	20 - 30

4. *Net Position*

For government-wide reporting, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called net position. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

- *Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

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- *Restricted* net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Assets are reported as restricted when constraints are placed on asset use either by external parties or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted* net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bonds or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

5. Fund Balance

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance may be composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent. For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly unassigned fund balance. The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

- **Nonspendable Fund Balance** – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (e.g., inventory) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (e.g., long-term amount of loans/note receivable). The nonspendable balance reports for inventory, prepaid items, and principal endowment balance.
- **Restricted Fund Balance** – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes by external parties, constitutional provisions, or imposed by creditors (e.g., bond covenants). Interest earned on the endowment principle is restricted for repairs and maintenance of cemetery grounds.
- **Committed Fund Balance** – This portion of the fund balance can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing body. The capital projects fund committed funds for land acquisition.
- **Assigned Fund Balance** – The portion of fund balance that the District intends to use for specific purposes as expressed by the governing body itself, the budget document, or delegated official, the District Manager. Fund balances in the General Fund are assigned by resolution of the Board of Directors. The assigned fund balance is to reserve funds for future capital expenditures and preneed interments.
- **Unassigned Fund Balance** – The portion of the fund balance available for any purpose. Includes all spendable amounts not classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned. The General Fund is the only fund that would report a positive amount in the unassigned fund balance.

As previously mentioned, sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the sample purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

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5. Revenues and expenditures/expenses

1. *Program revenues*

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) changes to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided or fines imposed by a given function, (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

2. *Property taxes*

The District receives property tax revenue from Santa Clara County (the County). The County is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state law. Secured property taxes are recorded as revenue when apportioned, in the fiscal year of the levy. The counties apportion secured property tax revenue in accordance with the alternate method of distribution prescribed by Section 4705 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. This alternate method provides for crediting each applicable fund with its total secured taxes upon completion of the secured tax roll - approximately October 1 of each year. Taxes are levied annually on July 1st, and one-half are due by November 1st and one-half by February 1st. Taxes are delinquent after December 10th and April 10th, respectively. Supplemental property taxes are levied on a pro-rata basis when changes in assessed valuation occur due to the completion of construction or sales transactions. Liens on real property are established on January 15th for the ensuing fiscal year.

On March 31, 1993, the Board of Supervisors adopted the "Teeter" method of property tax allocation. This method allocates property taxes based on the total property tax billed. At year- end, the County advances cash to each taxing jurisdiction equal to its current year delinquent taxes. Once the delinquent taxes are collected, the revenue from penalties and interest remains with the County and is used to pay the interest cost of borrowing the cash used for the advances.

3. *Compensated Absences*

Vacation

The District's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits, which are eligible for payment upon separation from government-service. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

Sick Leave

Accumulated sick leave lapses when employees leave the employ of the District and, upon separation from service, no monetary obligation exists.

Note 2—Deposits and Investments

A. Cash and investments

It is the policy of the Saratoga Cemetery District to invest its funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the District and confirming to all state and local statutes governing the investment of public funds, using the "prudent person" standard for managing the overall portfolio. The primary objective of the policy is safety (preservation of capital), liquidity, and yield.

The District's Investment Policy and the California Government Code allow the District to invest in the following provided the credit ratings of the issuers are acceptable to the District and approved percentages and maturities are not exceeded. The table below also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code or the District's Investment Policy where it is more restrictive:

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Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Required Rating
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
State Obligations CA and Others	5 years	None	None
CA Local Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Obligations	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptances	5 years	None	None
Commercial Paper – Selected Agencies	270 Days	None	None
Commercial Paper – Other Agencies	270 Days	None	None
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	None	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base value	None
Medium Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	A
Money Market Mutual Funds & Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	Multiple
Collateralized Bank Deposits	5 years	None	None
Mortgage pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	AA
Bank/Time Deposits	5 years	None	None
County pooled Investment Funds	5 years	None	None
Joint Powers Authority	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Voluntary Investment Program Fund	N/A	None	None

The District utilizes a pooled cash and investment concept for the cash deposits in financial institutions, to maximize its investment program. Investment income from this internal pooling is allocated to the respective funds based upon the sources of funds invested.

The District has authorized staff to invest cash with the Santa Clara County Treasurer in a series of pooled accounts with cash from various other governmental entities within the County, for investment purposes. State statutes govern the County's investment policies.

B. Cash deposits with financial institutions

Custodial credit risk – deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank's failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023, the District reports cash and deposits of \$8,507,739 and \$891,873 of that amount was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured. The carrying amount of the deposits as of June 30, 2023, was \$8,457,643.

Government-wide Statement of Net Position	
Governmental activities:	
Cash with financial institutions	\$ 1,109,777
Cash with Santa Clara County Investment Pool	7,365,866
Total carrying amount of deposits	\$ 8,475,643

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Cash in the Santa Clara County Treasury – Santa Clara County is a fiscal agent of the District. The fair value of the District's investment in the county pool is reported at amounts based on the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of the portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized costs basis. Santa Clara County investment pool funds were available for withdrawal on demand and had an average maturity date of 738 days. All cash and investments are stated at fair value. Pooled investment earnings are allocated monthly based on the average cash and investment balances of the various funds of the County.

C. Investments

State statutes authorize the Saratoga Cemetery District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, mutual funds with portfolios of securities issued or guaranteed by the United States Government, or agreements to repurchase these same obligations, negotiable and non-negotiable certificates of deposit, municipal bonds, commercial paper, corporate bonds, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool.

California Local Agency Investment Fund – The District is a participant in the Local Agency investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by California Government Code Section 16429 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. The District reports its investment in LAIF at the fair value amount provided by LAIF, which is the same as the value of the pool share. The balance is available for withdrawal on demand and is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. Included in LAIF's investment portfolio are collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage-backed securities, other asset-backed securities, loans to certain state funds, and floating rate securities issued by federal agencies, States Treasury Notes and Bills, and corporations. At June 30, 2023 these investments had an average maturity date of 648 days.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Investment Pool and LAIF, which had fair values of approximately \$11.82 billion and \$177.05 billion, respectively as of June 30, 2023. The sensitivity of the fair values of the District's investments to market interest rate fluctuation is measured as the weighted average maturity of the investment portfolio, which was less than one-year on June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, the District had the following investments:

Investments by Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)		
		Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 312,539	\$ 76,215	\$ 236,324	\$ -
U.S. Agency Obligations	1,341,022	14,511	960,793	365,718
Government Bonds	2,914,777	400,662	2,425,370	88,745
Certificates of Deposits	589,335	99,334	490,001	-
Corporate Bonds	2,716,855	538,885	2,177,970	-
Mutual Funds	2,076,141	2,076,141	-	-
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>9,950,669</u>	<u>3,205,748</u>	<u>6,290,458</u>	<u>454,463</u>
Investments measured at amortized cost				
Money Market Fund	32,470	32,470	-	-
Santa Clara County Investment Pool	7,365,866	7,365,866	-	-
Local Agency Investment Fund	1,016,446	7,398,336	-	-
Total investments measured at amortized cost	<u>8,414,782</u>	<u>14,796,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 18,365,451</u>	<u>\$ 18,002,420</u>	<u>\$ 6,290,458</u>	<u>\$ 454,463</u>

Credit Risk. – Generally, credit Risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The summary of investments

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table above shows the minimum rating under the actual rating of the District’s investments at year end. The investment with the County’s investment pool is governed by the County’s general investment policy. The County’s investments in 2022-23 included U.S. government securities or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government that are not considered to have credit risk exposure. The District’s investment in LAIF is not rated. The District’s cash with fiscal agent and brokers includes investments rated from BAA1 to AA+.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the California Government code requires that a financial institution secure deposit made by State or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under State law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110 percent of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105 percent of the secured deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the District’s investment in a single issuer. The District’s investment policy does not provide guidance about concentration of credit risk. The District’s policy specifically prohibits the use of or the investment in derivatives and tri-party repurchase agreements.

Fair Value of Investments – The District categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy has three levels and is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset’s fair value. Deposits and withdrawals in the Santa Clara County Investment Pool are made in the basis of \$1 and not fair value. In addition, deposits and withdrawals in the California local agency investment fund are made in the basis of \$1 and not fair value. These guidelines were established by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- *Level 2:* Observable inputs other than those in Level 1; and
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs

Debt and equity securities classified as Level 1 are value using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt and equity securities classified in Level 2 are valued using the following approaches: debt securities are normally valued based on price data obtained from observed transactions and market price quotations from broker dealers and/or pricing vendors; equity securities are valued using fair value per share for each fund. Certificates of deposit classified in level 2 are valued using broker quotes that utilize observable market inputs. Securities classified as Level 3 have limited trade information, these securities are prices using the last trade price or estimated using recent trade prices. At June 30, 2023, the District had the following recurring fair value measurements:

Investments by Fair Value Level	June 30, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
U.S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 312,539	\$ 312,539	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Agency Obligations	1,341,022	-	1,341,022	-
Government Bonds	2,914,777	-	2,914,777	-
Certificates of Deposits	589,335	-	589,335	-
Corporate Bonds	2,716,855	-	2,716,855	-
Mutual Funds	2,076,141	2,076,141	-	-
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>9,950,669</u>	<u>\$ 2,388,680</u>	<u>\$ 7,561,989</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Investments measured at amortized cost:

Money Market Funds	32,470
Santa Clara County Investment Pool	7,365,866
Local Agency Investment Fund	1,016,446
Total investments measured at amortized cost	<u>\$ 18,365,451</u>

Reconciliation to basic financial statements – The investments as of June 30, 2023, are reported in the financial statements as follows:

Cash	8,475,643
Investments	10,999,585
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 19,475,228</u>

Note 3—Capital Assets

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not subject to depreciation:				
Land	\$ 1,690,158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,690,158
Work in progress	663,904	47,413	-	711,317
Total capital assets not subject to depreciation	<u>2,354,062</u>	<u>47,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,401,475</u>
Capital assets subject to depreciation:				
Buildings, improvements, and infrastructure	3,054,361	17,489	-	3,071,850
Machinery and equipment	118,030	-	-	118,030
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,172,391</u>	<u>17,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,189,880</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings, improvements, and infrastructure	(1,894,018)	(90,718)	-	(1,984,736)
Machinery and equipment	(98,675)	(3,015)	-	(101,690)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,992,693)</u>	<u>(93,733)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,086,426)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,179,698</u>	<u>(76,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,103,454</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,533,760</u>	<u>\$ (28,831)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,504,929</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$93,733.

Note 4—Long-term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Primary Government:					
Compensated absences payable	\$ 5,202	\$ 45,066	\$ (45,274)	\$ 4,994	\$ 999
Total	<u>\$ 5,202</u>	<u>\$ 45,066</u>	<u>\$ (45,274)</u>	<u>\$ 4,994</u>	<u>\$ 999</u>

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Note 5—Interfund Transfers

The composition of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Transfers in:				Total
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund	
Transfers out:					
General Fund	\$ -	\$173,354	\$ 2,253	\$ 300,000	\$475,607
Capital Projects Fund	292,221	-	-	-	292,221
Special Revenue Fund	27,382	10,501	-	-	37,883
Total	<u>\$319,603</u>	<u>\$183,855</u>	<u>\$ 2,253</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>	<u>\$805,711</u>

During the year, transfers are used to provide general fund resources to provide an annual subsidy to the capital projects fund. When preneed interments are converted to at-need interments, the special revenue fund provides a subsidy to account for the burial expenditures reported in the general fund. The general fund transferred funds to the permanent to increase the permanent fund cash and investment balance.

Note 6—Litigation

At June 30, 2023, there were no matters of litigation involving the District or which would materially affect the District’s financial position should any court decisions on pending matters not be favorable to such entities.

Note 7—Deferred Compensation Plan

The District offers a deferred compensation 457b plan to all employees except for Board members. The District also offers all employees a 401B retirement plan in which the District contributes 10% of the employee’s base pay at the end of each quarter to Nationwide Retirement solutions. Board members are excluded from this plan. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District contributed \$15,811.

Note 8—Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District uses the Special District Risk Management Authority to account for and finance risks for workers’ compensation, general liability, and property damage. Insurance policies are purchased for the following exposures with the deductible, or the amount of risk retention indicated in parenthesis: public officials and employee practices liability (\$1,000/\$1,000 deductible), boiler and machinery (\$1,000 deductible), employee faithful performance (\$1,000 deductible), and an excess liability insurance policy of the Saratoga Cemetery District retains risks up to \$2,500,000. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the three prior fiscal years.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District made payments of approximately \$13,899 to SDRMA for its coverage.

Required Supplementary Information

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
General Fund
Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,303,420	\$ 1,303,420	\$ 1,412,127	\$ 108,707
Intergovernmental	3,945	3,945	3,489	(456)
Charges for services	145,000	145,000	248,631	103,631
Investment earnings	24,489	24,489	51,104	26,615
Total revenues	<u>1,476,854</u>	<u>1,476,854</u>	<u>1,715,351</u>	<u>238,497</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Interment services:				
Salaries and employee benefits	333,500	307,250	304,572	2,678
Services and supplies	500,800	488,860	409,627	79,233
Total interment services	<u>834,300</u>	<u>796,110</u>	<u>714,199</u>	<u>81,911</u>
Capital outlay	220,000	220,000	-	220,000
Total expenditures	<u>1,054,300</u>	<u>1,016,110</u>	<u>714,199</u>	<u>301,911</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>422,554</u>	<u>460,744</u>	<u>1,001,152</u>	<u>540,408</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	309,103	309,103
Transfers out	-	-	(475,607)	(475,607)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(166,504)</u>	<u>(166,504)</u>
Net change in fund balances	422,554	460,744	834,648	373,904
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances - beginning of year	1,804,681	1,804,681	1,804,681	-
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 2,227,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,265,425</u>	<u>\$ 2,639,329</u>	<u>\$ 373,904</u>

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

SARATOGA CEMETERY DISTRICT
Special Revenue Fund
Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	20,000	54,943	34,943
Investment earnings	-	-	(2,613)	(2,613)
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>52,330</u>	<u>32,330</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Interment services	-	30,000	-	30,000
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>52,330</u>	<u>62,330</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	2,253	2,253
Transfers out	-	-	(37,883)	37,883
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,630)</u>	<u>(35,630)</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	(10,000)	16,700	26,700
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances - beginning of year	780,759	780,759	780,759	-
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 780,759</u>	<u>\$ 770,759</u>	<u>\$ 797,459</u>	<u>\$ 26,700</u>

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

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Statement of Revenues Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual
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Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgets for the general fund and special revenue fund are prepared on generally accepted accounting principles basis. Revenues are budgeted in the year receipt is expected; expenditures are budgeted in the year that the applicable warrant requisitions are expected to be issued. The budget and actual financial statements are reported on the above basis. Due to the reclassification, the District did not prepare a budget for the special revenue fund.

Annual budget requests are submitted by the District's staff to the District Board of Trustees for preliminary review and approval. After public hearing, a final budget is approved by the District Board of Trustees, with a resolution adopting said budget. Copies of the approved budget are sent to all required agencies.

Other Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees
Saratoga Cemetery District
Saratoga, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Saratoga Cemetery District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Saratoga Cemetery District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 9, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Saratoga Cemetery District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Saratoga Cemetery District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Saratoga Cemetery District's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Saratoga Cemetery District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

David Farnsworth, CPA

Dublin, California
July 9, 2024