

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2011

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Central Valley Fire District
Belgrade, Montana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Central Valley Fire District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Central Valley Fire District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Central Valley Fire District as of June 30, 2011, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2012, on our consideration of Central Valley Fire 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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 18 through 20, be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, 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.

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Central Valley Fire District has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

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February 7, 2012

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2011

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 2,195,297
Cash - restricted	12,495
Accounts receivable	10,474
Taxes receivable	200,707
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>3,604,253</u>
Total assets	<u>6,023,226</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	43,929
Accrued salaries and payroll taxes	29,665
Deferred revenue - restricted cash	12,495
Long-term liabilities:	
Loan payable - current portion	274,500
Loan payable - long-term portion	<u>2,287,224</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,647,813</u>
Net assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,177,023
Unrestricted	<u>2,198,390</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 3,375,413</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Expenses:	
Public safety - fire protection	\$ 2,393,472
Interest on long-term debt	<u>138,454</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,531,926</u>
Program revenues:	
Charges for services	420,847
Operating grants and contributions	<u>46,384</u>
Total program revenues	<u>467,231</u>
Net program expense	<u>2,064,695</u>
General revenues:	
Real estate and property taxes	2,374,347
Miscellaneous	21,615
Investment income	<u>22,415</u>
Total general revenues	<u>2,418,377</u>
Change in net assets	353,682
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>3,021,731</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,375,413</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2011

	Governmental Fund Type
	General Fund
Assets	
Cash	\$ 2,195,297
Cash - restricted	12,495
Accounts receivable	10,474
Property taxes receivable	200,707
Total assets	\$ 2,418,973
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 43,929
Accrued salaries and payroll taxes	29,665
Deferred revenue - restricted cash	12,495
Deferred revenue - property taxes	158,547
Total liabilities	244,636
Fund Balances:	
Unassigned	2,174,337
Total fund balances	2,174,337
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 2,418,973

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF
THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2011

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

Fund balance of the governmental fund	\$ 2,174,337
The focus of governmental funds is on short-term financing, some assets will not be available to pay for current-period expenditures. Those assets (taxes receivable) are offset by deferred revenue in the governmental funds, and thus are not included in fund balance.	158,547
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the balance sheet of the governmental fund.	3,604,253
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(2,561,724)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,375,413</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General Fund
Revenues	
Taxes	
Real estate and property taxes	\$ 2,272,399
Intergovernmental receipts:	
Cost sharing - Belgrade	383,051
Cost sharing - Airport	7,500
Entitlement	101,083
Charges for services	30,296
Miscellaneous	
Grants	46,384
Other	12,017
Investment earnings	22,415
Total revenues	2,875,145
Expenditures	
Current:	
Public safety:	
Personal services	
Salaries and fringe benefits	1,242,034
Supplies	
Office and operating supplies	115,838
Gasoline and diesel fuel	38,747
Repair and maintenance	118,933
Purchased services	
Dues and subscriptions	3,888
Utilities and telephone	66,476
Physicals and related services	13,793
Professional and contracted services	42,102
Public communication	4,143
Standby	2,200
Training	96,357
Fixed charges	
Insurance	24,476
Debt service:	
Principal	261,224
Interest	138,454

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	General Fund
Expenditures (continued)	
Capital outlay	286,168
Total expenditures	2,454,833
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	420,312
Other financing sources	
Sale of fixed assets	15,660
Net change in fund balance	435,972
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,738,365
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 2,174,337

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$	435,972
The portion of property taxes receivable that will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year end is not considered "available" revenue in the governmental funds.		865
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$286,168) is exceeded by depreciation (\$661,208) in the current period.		(375,040)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		36,723
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term debt in the statement of net assets. This is the amount of debt principal repayments in the current period.		261,224
In the statement of activities, only the gain on the sale of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the book value of the capital asset sold.		<u>(6,062)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u>353,682</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Central Valley Fire District (the District) is organized and operated under the provisions of Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21, Montana Code Annotated, to provide fire protection for the rural area in the vicinity of Belgrade, Montana. It is a separate political entity established by the Gallatin County Commissioners, the affairs of which are governed and managed by an elected Board of Trustees (the Board). The County levies and collects taxes to fund the District's budget, and the Gallatin County Treasurer serves as Treasurer of the District. The District is not a component unit of another entity and has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation – Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the District. Governmental activities, which are supported by taxes are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the District did not have any business-type activities.

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. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the District received program revenue from ambulance and fire protection services provided and a grant received. Taxes and other items are reported as general revenues.

C. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The District has one fund: the general fund. This fund accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the District. The fund financial statements provide information about the general fund.

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. On an accrual basis, revenues from property taxes and benefit assessments are recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes and assessments are levied and revenue from investments is recognized when earned.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Revenues are accrued when their receipt occurs within sixty days after the end of the accounting period so as to be

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**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation
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both measurable and available. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

E. Cash and Investments

The District is authorized by statute to invest in time and savings deposits with a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union in the state. In addition, it may also invest in obligations of the United States Government, securities issued by agencies of the United States, repurchased agreements, and the State Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP).

To minimize credit risk in relation to the District's investments, the District invests in the Gallatin County External Investment Pool that is subject to the collateral requirements specified in State statutes.

F. Taxes Receivable

Property tax levies are set by the Counties, in connection with the budget process, and are based on taxable values listed as of January 1 for all real property located in the District. Taxable values are established by the Montana Department of Revenue based on market values. A revaluation of all property is required to be completed on a periodic basis. Taxable value is defined by Montana statute as a fixed percentage of market value.

Real property taxes and special assessments are generally billed in October and are payable one half by November 30 and one half by May 31. After these dates, taxes and assessments become delinquent and become a lien on the property. Personal property is assessed and personal property taxes are billed throughout the year, with a significant portion generally billed in May, June, and July. Personal property taxes are based on levies set during the prior August. These taxes become delinquent 30 days after billing.

Taxes and assessments that become delinquent are charged interest at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month from the time of delinquency until paid plus a penalty of 2%. Real property on which taxes and assessments remain delinquent and unpaid may be sold at tax sales. In the case of personal property, the property is seized and sold after the taxes become delinquent.

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**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in process, building and improvements, vehicles, and equipment, are reported on the statement of net assets. All capital assets with a purchase price over \$1,000 and a life of at least five years are capitalized. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated property and materials are recorded at fair market value as of the date of the donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

Building, building improvements, vehicles and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building	40
Building improvements	10-15
Vehicles	10
Equipment	5-10

H. Compensated Absences

District employees accumulate vacation and sick leave for later use or for payment upon termination, death, or retirement. The governmental fund type (i.e. the general fund) recognizes the expenditure when the benefits are paid; it is not the policy of the District to recognize as current expenditures the payments made on accumulated sick and annual leave within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year. The balance of vested employee's vacation and sick leave is recorded as a non-current liability in the statement of net assets.

District employees earn vacation leave at the rate of 15 days per year during the first ten years of employment, and at increasing rates thereafter to a maximum of 24 days per year after 20 years of employment. There is no requirement that vacation leave be taken, but the maximum permissible accumulation is the amount earned in the most recent two-year period. Employees may request that unused vacation hours that are subject to loss be transferred to sick leave hours at a rate of one hour of vacation leave to four hours of sick leave. At termination, employees are paid for any accumulated vacation leave, up to the maximum accumulation, at the current rate of pay.

District employees earn sick leave at the rate of one day per month. There is no limit on the accumulation of sick leave days. However, upon termination, only 25% of accumulated sick leave is paid.

I. Fire Protection Impact Fee Revenues

Gallatin County collects fire protection impact fees from subdivisions within the District's benefit area and accounts for the collections in a separate fund for the District. The impact fees are assessed to subdivisions and developments within the District but shall not apply to any land located within the corporate limits of any city or town. The impact fees may be used only to pay for planning, land acquisition, engineering, design, construction, construction inspection, equipment purchases, and financing costs

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**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

I. Fire Protection Impact Fee Revenues (Continued)

associated with a specific project to construct or acquire new or expanded fire protection facilities, buildings, and/or equipment that expand the capacity of the District to provide fire protection services within the District and have an average useful life of at least ten years. Any monies in the fire protection impact fee fund that have not been spent or encumbered within ten years of receipt shall be refunded to the land owner with interest accrued at ten percent from the original date of payment.

Upon written request from the District, the Gallatin County Commissioners will consider the transfer of monies from the impact fee fund to the District for use on a specific acquisition or construction project. On June 30, 2011, the County held \$12,495 in the impact fee fund. This amount is shown as restricted cash and deferred revenue as of June 30, 2011. The District recognizes revenue from impact fees when the Commissioners approve the District's request to spend the fees.

J. Fund Balance

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54). This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the following fund balance categories: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The District's balance of impact fees, noted in Note I are considered restricted; the remaining general fund fund balance is unassigned, which is defined as the total fund balance in the general fund in excess of nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned.

K. Use of Restricted Fund Balance

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available, the District's policy is to apply restricted fund balance first.

L. Estimates

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

**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

As of June 30, 2011, the District had \$1,600 in cash on hand. At this same date, the District had the following investment:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Gallatin County External Investment Pool	<u>\$ 2,193,697</u>	<u>\$ 12,495</u>

The Gallatin County Treasurer manages funds held in the Gallatin County External Investment Pool (Pool). The County Treasurer monitors the Department's cash to make certain that the Department remains in compliance with the state statute in regard to authorized investments. The fair value of the Department's position in this pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. Cash and investments in the custody of the County Treasurer are subject to the collateral requirements specified in State statutes.

Information pertaining to the interest rate risk of this investment is available from Gallatin County's audited financial statements which can be obtained from the County by requesting audited financial statements from Gallatin County Finance Department, 311 West Main Street, room 304A, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

The Pool has not been rated by the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSRO).

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 533,972	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 533,972
Construction in process	<u>143,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,256</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>677,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>677,228</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Building and Improvements	1,664,743	137,822	-	1,802,565
Equipment	551,738	148,345	(4,501)	695,582
Furniture	4,655	-	-	4,655
Vehicles	<u>3,761,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,635)</u>	<u>3,727,354</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>5,983,125</u>	<u>286,167</u>	<u>(39,136)</u>	<u>6,230,156</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building and Improvements	(428,958)	(60,054)	-	(489,012)
Equipment	(436,233)	(41,227)	4,501	(472,959)
Furniture	(1,881)	(465)	-	(2,346)
Vehicles	<u>(1,807,925)</u>	<u>(559,462)</u>	<u>28,573</u>	<u>(2,338,814)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,674,997)</u>	<u>(661,208)</u>	<u>33,074</u>	<u>(3,303,131)</u>
Total net capital assets, being depreciated	<u>3,308,128</u>	<u>(375,041)</u>	<u>(6,062)</u>	<u>2,927,025</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,985,356</u>	<u>\$(375,041)</u>	<u>\$ (6,062)</u>	<u>\$ 3,604,253</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to Public Safety.

**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

4. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Loans payable

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the District purchased vehicles for \$322,462. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the District drew an additional \$148,769 on this loan for the purchase of an additional vehicle. This loan will be paid at an interest rate of 4.69% with seven annual payments of \$75,000, which are due June 30 of each year through 2015 and a final payment of \$59,398 due on June 30, 2016. The vehicles secure the loan.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the District purchased two engines, four tenders and one support truck for \$2,336,043. This loan will be paid at an interest rate of 5.25% with thirteen annual payments of \$252,484, which are due June 30 of each year through 2021. The loan is secured by separate security instruments.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, the District borrowed funds to begin construction of station 3 for \$255,000. This loan will be paid at an interest rate of 4.99% with four annual payments of \$72,194, which are due June 15 of each year through 2014. The loan is secured by the deed.

The following are the principal and interest requirements for the loans payable as of June 30, 2011:

<u>Fiscal year ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2012	\$ 274,348	\$ 125,330	\$ 399,678
2013	288,249	111,429	399,678
2014	306,213	96,822	403,035
2015	246,289	81,195	327,484
2016	227,099	68,655	295,754
2017-2021	<u>1,085,032</u>	<u>176,641</u>	<u>1,261,673</u>
	<u>\$2,427,230</u>	<u>\$ 660,072</u>	<u>\$3,087,302</u>

Changes in Long-term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2011:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due within One Year</u>
Loan payable	\$ 360,379	\$ -	\$ 58,098	\$ 302,281	\$ 60,823
Loan payable – vehicles	2,069,543	-	143,833	1,925,710	151,383
Loan payable – station	258,532	-	59,293	199,239	62,141
Compensated absences	<u>171,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,724</u>	<u>134,494</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$2,859,672</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 297,948</u>	<u>\$2,561,724</u>	<u>\$ 274,347</u>

**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

5. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Plan Description and Provisions – All District employees participate in one of two statewide cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement benefit plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Division (PERD). Contributions to the two plans are as required by State statute. Financial information for the two plans is reported in the Public Employees' Retirement Board's published Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year end. It is available from PERD at 100 North Park Avenue, Suite 220, P.O. Box 200131, Helena, MT 59620-0131. The authority to establish, amend and provide cost of living adjustments to the plans is assigned to the State legislature. The authority to establish and amend contribution rates to the plans is also assigned to the State legislature.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

One District employee is provided pension benefits by this multi-employer plan. Funding is provided by participating units of government and their covered employees. As of July 1, 2009, the District is required to contribute 7.07% of members' compensation, which was \$2,897 and \$16,838 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. As of July 1, 2007, the District was required to contribute 6.935% of members' compensation, which was \$50,444 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. Plan members are required to contribute 6.9% of their compensation, which was \$2,828, \$16,433, and \$50,189 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively. Contributions were made for all three years.

Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (DBRP) – Participants become eligible for benefits after age 60 and 5 years of service, after age 65 regardless of service, or 30 years of service regardless of age. The benefit is 1/56 of the final compensation for each year of credited service, paid as a modified cash refund annuity. A participant is eligible for early retirement benefits after age 50 and 5 years of service or after 25 year of service regardless of age. Rights become vested after 5 years of service.

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) – Participants may elect the defined contribution plan, in which the contributions into the plan are known, but the benefit is not. The retirement benefit received is based upon account balance, which is determined by contributions made plus investment earnings, or losses, less administrative costs. Employees become vested in the employer's contributions after 5 years of service and become vested in the employee's contributions immediately.

Firefighter's Unified Retirement System (FURS)

In September 2009, the Board approved the firefighter's participation in the Firefighters Unified Retirement System (FURS). Funding is provided by units of local government, their covered employees and the State of Montana. The District is required to contribute 14.36% of members' compensation. The District's contributions to this plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 were \$84,275 and \$56,884, respectively. One hundred percent of the required contributions were made. Plan members are required to contribute 10.7% of monthly compensation, since all firefighters have elected to be covered under the guaranteed annual benefit adjustment (GABA). The State is required to contribute 32.61%, which was \$191,380 and \$129,179 for fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Covered payroll for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$586,875 and \$396,131, respectively.

Participants are eligible for benefits after 20 years of service regardless of age or at age 50 after 5 years of service. Participants are vested after five years. To determine benefits, member's compensation is calculated to be the highest average compensation (HAC) for the last consecutive 36 months and members receive 2.5% of HAC per year of service. After a member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the benefit increases by a maximum of 3% each January inclusive of all other adjustments to the member's benefits.

**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

6. INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

The District is party to an agreement with the City of Belgrade. A description of the agreement is as follows:

Agreement dated March 2, 2009, covering the five-year period to June 30, 2014 whereby the District agrees to provide the following services: fire suppression, fire prevention and education, emergency medical service, motor vehicle accident response, and hazardous material response; repair and maintenance of the City's firefighting equipment, the cost of which is to be paid by the City; repair and maintenance of the jointly owned structures with the disbursements shared equally between the City and District; basic general administration of the City Fire Department; necessary training and recruitment of firefighters; such other duties as from time to time may be agreed upon by the City and Board of Trustees of the District. The Chief reports to the City Manager on City Fire Department issues. Under this agreement, the City of Belgrade annually pays the equivalent of thirty-seven (37) mills, but not less than \$334,184. Such payments during the year were \$92,338 per quarter for each of the four quarters and are presented in the statement of activities as program revenues.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District's risk management activities are recorded in the general fund. Significant losses for public officials, automobile, property and general liability are covered by commercial insurance policies. The District also participates in the State Unemployment and Workers' Compensation programs for losses due to employee life and health risk. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
Revenues				
Taxes				
Real estate and property taxes	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,272,399	\$ 272,399
Other	779,106	779,106	602,746	(176,360)
Total revenues	<u>2,779,106</u>	<u>2,779,106</u>	<u>2,875,145</u>	<u>96,039</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Personal services				
Salaries and fringe benefits	1,337,575	1,337,575	1,242,034	(95,541)
Supplies				
Office and operating supplies	141,000	141,000	115,838	(25,162)
Gasoline and diesel fuel	42,000	42,000	38,747	(3,253)
Repair and maintenance	195,000	195,000	118,933	(76,067)
Purchased Services				
Dues and subscriptions	-	-	3,888	3,888
Election	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Utilities and telephone	86,765	86,765	66,476	(20,289)
Physicals and related services	19,000	19,000	13,793	(5,207)
Professional and contracted services	41,500	41,500	42,102	602
Public communication	6,000	6,000	4,143	(1,857)
Standby	5,000	5,000	2,200	(2,800)
Training	80,000	80,000	96,357	16,357
Fixed charges				
Insurance	27,000	27,000	24,476	(2,524)
Debt service:				
Principal	538,013	538,013	261,224	(276,789)
Interest	138,000	138,000	138,454	454
Capital outlay	555,138	555,138	286,168	(268,970)
Contingency	1,275,934	1,275,934	-	(1,275,934)
Total expenditures	<u>4,502,925</u>	<u>4,502,925</u>	<u>2,454,833</u>	<u>(2,048,092)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(1,723,819)	(1,723,819)	420,312	2,144,131

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under)
Other financing sources				
Sale of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,660</u>	<u>15,660</u>
Change in fund balances	(1,723,819)	(1,723,819)	435,972	<u>\$ 2,159,791</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,723,819</u>	<u>1,723,819</u>	<u>1,738,365</u>	
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,337</u>	

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BUDGET COMPLIANCE

In accordance with Section 7-33-2105, Montana Code Annotated, the District's Board annually presents its budget to the Board of County Commissioners at the regular budget meetings as prescribed by law and therewith certifies the amount of money necessary and proper for the ensuing year. Based on this statute, the total budget is the legal level of budgetary authority. The budget cannot be increased except by a public emergency, which could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of its adoption. Expenditures are limited to the amount of the budget appropriation for each line item; however, these budgeted amounts may be adjusted by means of transfers of amounts between line items by resolution of the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

BUDGET BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budget is prepared on the same basis of accounting used in preparing the District's fund financial statements.

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Total expenditures were not in excess of the total budgeted expenditures during the fiscal year.

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
Central Valley Fire District
Belgrade, Montana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Central Valley Fire District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2012. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Central Valley Fire District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Central Valley Fire District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Central Valley Fire District's internal control over financial reporting.

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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting (11-01). *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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Central Valley Fire District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 10-04.

Central Valley Fire District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the Central Valley Fire District, Montana Department of Administration and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



February 7, 2012

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

INTERNAL CONTROL

11-01 Segregation of duties

The District has one employee who handles all of the accounting functions and who has sole access to the accounting software. It would be inefficient, considering the size of the District, for the District to hire additional personnel to achieve optimal internal controls. But, the District has taken several steps to involve Board members and management to obtain the best internal controls possible.

Management's response

The District has taken numerous steps to obtain the best internal controls possible. We believe we have achieved the best internal controls possible by adding levels of management and governing body member reviews, oversight and approval.

COMPLIANCE

10-04 Compensated Absences

In December 2008, the Trustees adopted a policy, which stated that fulltime employees may, at the request of the employee, transition hours of annual leave that are unused and subject to loss on December 31st of each year to sick leave at an even value rate of one hour of annual leave to four hours of sick leave. Since the time this policy was adopted, employees transferred unused annual leave to sick leave in accordance with this policy.

In April 2011, the Chief terminated his employment with the District and the District's attorney was questioned regarding the District's responsibility to pay the Chief for unused sick leave that was transferred from annual leave. The District's attorney made the determination that the policy adopted by the Trustees in December 2008 was not in compliance with Montana Code Annotated and, therefore, the Chief should not be paid for the sick leave that was transferred from annual leave. The District did not pay the Chief for this accrued sick leave.

At the time this audit report was issued, the Chief had submitted a wage claim to the Montana Department of Industry and Labor based upon his contention that he was entitled to compensation for the unused annual leave that he transferred to sick leave in accordance with the District's policy. The amount of the claim is \$19,296.75. The District's attorney has responded to the claim and the claim was denied. This hearing is pending regarding this issue. The Board wishes to contest this claim as vigorously as possible and the District's attorney is preparing to represent the District in that manner. The District's attorney believes that the District will prevail.

Also, at the time that this audit report was issued, the District had other employees who had transferred unused annual leave to sick leave. The trustees had not made a decision regarding this accrued sick leave. These amounts total \$39,716.20.

Management's response

The Trustees are in agreement with this finding.

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

INTERNAL CONTROL

IMPLEMENTED

10-01	Segregation of Duties	See current year finding 11-01
10-02	Improper payroll payments	Yes
10-03	Information and Communication	Yes
10-04	Compensated Absences	No