

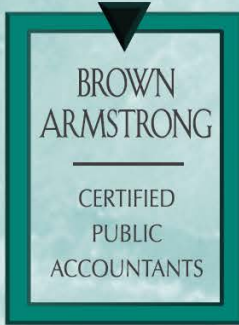
**WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017**

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Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority
Riverside, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Authority's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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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 each major fund of the Authority as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Authority adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*; Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*; Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*; Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*; and Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 – 10 and 33 – 34 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by GASB, 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 Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 3, 2017, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

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Bakersfield, California
November 3, 2017

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2017

Our discussion and analysis of Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority's (the "Authority") financial performance provides narrative overview and analysis of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's net position increased by \$27.6 million or 7.0% during the fiscal year. This is the amount by which total revenues exceeded total expenses for the year.
- Capital assets increased by \$24.4 million. Approximately 2,436 acres of conserved land were acquired during the year. Funding for the properties included Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) local development mitigation fees, Measure A funds, federal grants, state grants, and land donations from private developers.
- Total fund balances of the Authority's governmental funds were \$38.3 million at the close of the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional detail to support the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. It includes all the current year's revenues and expenses, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The government-wide financial statements report the functions of the Authority that are principally supported by mitigation contributions, intergovernmental revenues, and charges for services. The governmental activities of the Authority include general government operations, management and monitoring, and land acquisition.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12-13 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the Authority's funds are governmental funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements; however, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources and on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. Since the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental

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funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. As a result, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Authority maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the Authority's major governmental funds comprised of the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Permanent Endowment Fund. The governmental fund financial statements, including the reconciliation between the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements, can be found on pages 14-17 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18-31 of this report.

Other Information

The Authority adopts an annual appropriations budget for its General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$423.4 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Net Position

	As of June 30:		
	2017	2016	Change
Assets			
Capital assets	\$ 390,649,354	\$ 366,215,702	\$ 24,433,652
Other assets	42,604,102	41,037,381	1,566,721
Total assets	<u>433,253,456</u>	<u>407,253,083</u>	<u>26,000,373</u>
Liabilities			
Other liabilities	3,803,946	4,076,974	(273,028)
Long-term liabilities	6,091,053	7,405,456	(1,314,403)
Total liabilities	<u>9,894,999</u>	<u>11,482,430</u>	<u>(1,587,431)</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	385,494,075	359,735,534	25,758,541
Restricted	15,942,994	17,098,442	(1,155,448)
Unrestricted	21,921,388	18,936,677	2,984,711
Total net position	<u>\$ 423,358,457</u>	<u>\$ 395,770,653</u>	<u>\$ 27,587,804</u>

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- By far the largest portion of the Authority's net position, \$385.5 million (91.1%), reflects its investment in capital assets (i.e., land, buildings and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. During the year, the Authority acquired 2,436 acres of land, increasing capital assets and the net investment in capital assets by \$25.8 million.
- A portion of the Authority's net position, \$15.9 million (3.7%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they can be used. The remaining balance of \$21.9 million (5.2%) is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations.

The Authority's total program and general revenues were \$32.9 million, while the total cost of all programs was approximately \$5.7 million. Total revenues increased by \$3.2 million (10.6%) whereas the total cost of all programs increased by \$7.8 thousand (0.1%). Key elements of these changes are as follows:

Changes in Net Position

	For the Years Ended June 30:		
	2017	2016	Change
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 114,268	\$ 99,543	\$ 14,725
Operating grants/contributions	7,012,285	3,947,405	3,064,880
Capital grants/contributions	25,588,915	25,475,046	113,869
General revenues			
Unrestricted investment earnings	76,368	110,986	(34,618)
Other general	90,673	92,463	(1,790)
Total revenues	32,882,509	29,725,443	3,157,066
Expenses			
General operations	354,383	456,763	(102,380)
Management and monitoring	2,538,069	2,481,129	56,940
Land acquisition	2,751,259	2,712,283	38,976
Interest	43,061	28,844	14,217
Total expenses	5,686,772	5,679,019	7,753
Excess before permanent	27,195,737	24,046,424	3,149,313
Contribution to permanent	392,067	-	392,067
Increase in net position	27,587,804	24,046,424	3,541,380
Net position, beginning	395,770,653	371,724,229	24,046,424
Net position, ending	\$ 423,358,457	\$ 395,770,653	\$ 27,587,804

- Charges for services consisting of joint project reviews increased by 14.8%, from \$99.5 thousand, in fiscal year 2016 to \$114.3 thousand in fiscal year 2017. The increase was caused by an increase in development which triggers an increase in joint project reviews conducted by the Authority.
- Operating grants and contributions increased by \$3.1 million, or 77.6% for the following reasons:
 - The Authority received \$2.1 million from Southern California Edison as a participating special entity to receive MSHCP coverage for the West of Devers project during the current year. During the prior year, the Authority only received \$10,137 in these fees.
 - Landfill tipping fees increased by \$637 thousand, from \$3.1 million in fiscal year 2016 to

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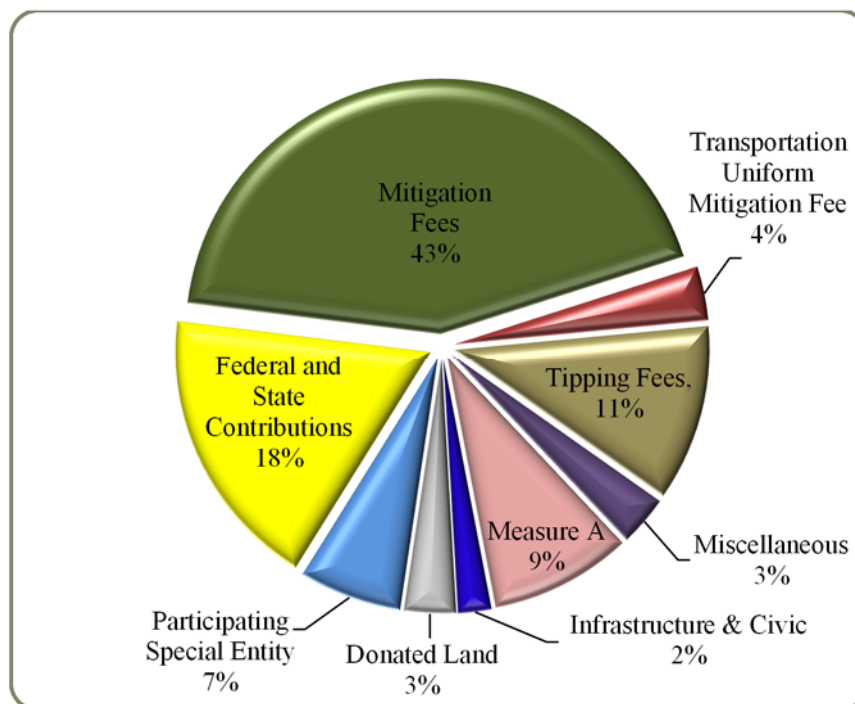
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\$3.7 million in fiscal year 2017. Tipping fees are contributed to the Authority from Riverside County based on out-of-county waste collected. Fiscal year 2017 represents the highest contribution to the Authority since its inception.

- Capital grants and contributions this year of \$25.6 million remained consistent with prior year contributions at about \$25.5 million. The following amounts represent the significant sources:
 - Developer mitigation fees increased by \$2.0 million in the current year in comparison to prior year due to increased industrial and residential development in the current year.
 - Decrease in donated land of \$1.2 million from prior year. In the current year, the Authority received five land donations and one conservation easement with an acquisition value of \$1.1 million and approximately 381.8 acres, whereas in fiscal year 2016, three land donations and two conservation easements were received with a value of \$2.3 million and approximately 261.6 acres.
 - Federal and state grant capital grant contributions decreased by \$888.8 thousand in the current year. In the current year, the Authority's federal and state contributions amounted to \$6.0 million. The Authority successfully closed escrow on five properties funded with grant funds with a combined acreage of 932.

Total Program and General Revenues by Source



- General Operations expenses decreased by \$102.4 thousand. The decrease was primarily attributable to a shift of contractual labor from general operations to Land Management and Monitoring program as staff's time dedicated to management of the reserve land has increased over time. In addition, the Authority incurred savings in general legal representation for the year.

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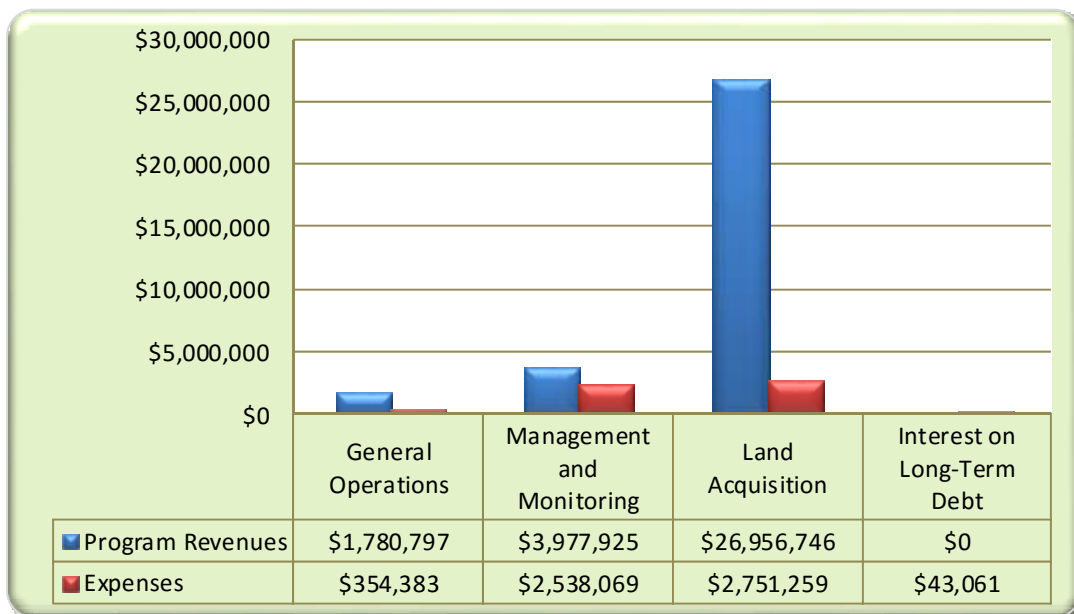
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- Land Management and Monitoring expenses increased by \$56.9 thousand, or 2.3%, which resulted from the following:
 - Approximately \$99 thousand increase due to the shift of contractual labor cost from General Operations to Land Management and Monitoring Program.
 - In prior year, the Authority incurred about \$54.7 thousand in contractual costs in the development of habitat for Tricolor Blackbird. The project was completed in fiscal year 2016, accordingly no costs associated with it were incurred in the current year.

- Land acquisition expenses increased by \$39 thousand, or 1.4%, primarily due to increase in professional services incurred in current year.

Expenses and Program Revenues - Governmental Activities



Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds

As noted earlier, the Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with legal requirements. The focus of the Authority’s governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Authority’s financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Authority’s governmental funds reported combined fund balance of \$38.3 million, an increase of \$1.2 million in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 55.4%, or \$21.2 million, is unassigned, which is available for spending at the Authority’s discretion. About \$3.5 million, or 9.2%, is nonspendable from permanent endowment contributions. An additional \$12.7 million, or 33.2%, constitutes restricted fund balance for land acquisition and management and monitoring programs as outlined in Note 5 to the basic financial statements. The remaining \$820.7 thousand has been assigned by the Authority’s Management for future management and monitoring of the reserve land.

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The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the Authority. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$21.2 million, while restricted fund balance was \$77.5 thousand for the management and monitoring programs. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total General Fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents approximately 726.4% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents approximately 729.1% of that same amount.

The Capital Projects Fund had a \$2.2 million decrease in fund balance during the current fiscal year from \$14.7 million in fiscal year 2016 to \$12.5 million in the current year. The decrease was a result of expediting the purchase of previously committed land acquisitions, as disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements. The fund balance of \$12.5 million is restricted by external contributors for land acquisition and related costs.

Fund balance in the Permanent Endowment Fund increased by \$623.7 thousand. The increase was attributable to \$214.9 thousand received from Southern California Edison participating special entity funds in the current year and \$392.1 endowment contributions from two private developers for future land management and maintenance of donated land.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Original budget compared to final budget. During the year, the original budgeted revenues were increased by \$80 thousand in landfill tipping fees. Budgeted Appropriations in Land Management and Monitoring were increased by \$80 thousand during the year to purchase two vehicles for park rangers maintaining the reserve land.

Final budget compared to actual results.

The most significant differences between estimated revenues and actual revenues were as follows:

- The budget for participating special entities of \$137.5 thousand was under projected. The actual revenue received was \$990.9 thousand in the General Fund. Funds from participating special entities are not consistent from year to year and often require a lengthy time to negotiate. Accordingly, the Authority approved a conservative budget for fiscal year 2017 with little projected funds from this source. During the year, the Authority was able to reach a funding agreement with Southern California Edison to receive MSHCP coverage for the West of Devers project.
- Landfill tipping revenues were budgeted at \$2.5 million. The out-of-county tonnage disposal this year surpassed the expectations. Thus, actual revenues of \$3.7 million exceeded the budget by \$1.3 million.

The variance between the final budget and actual expenditures:

- Actual expenditures for services and supplies were well under the budget by approximately \$109.3 thousand for General Operations program due to savings in litigation costs and contractual services in comparison to the budget.
- The Land Management and Monitoring program achieved \$68.2 thousand savings in contractual labor resulting from one budgeted position for an ecological resources specialist. The position was budgeted for a full year, but was filled toward the end of the fiscal year.
- Additionally, \$327.4 thousand of appropriations savings in services and supplies were achieved. This resulted from savings in contract agreement with Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District for management services of the Authority's reserve lands. Actual services were less than previously estimated. Savings in legal representation were also realized.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The Authority's investment in capital assets for its governmental funds as of June 30, 2017 amounts to \$390.6 million. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, land improvements, vehicles, and equipment. The total increase in the Authority's capital assets was 7%.

Capital Assets

	June 30,	
	2017	2016
Land	\$ 385,110,843	\$ 360,622,829
Land acquisition in process	1,035,627	1,113,918
Conservation easements	3,294,526	3,235,173
Construction in progress	-	4,140
Buildings and improvements	1,054,757	1,054,757
Land improvements	458,400	449,179
Equipment and software	414,834	397,445
Total capital assets	391,368,987	366,877,441
Less accumulated depreciation	(719,633)	(661,739)
Total capital assets, net	\$ 390,649,354	\$ 366,215,702

During the year, the Authority acquired twenty-five new properties and one conservation easement with a combined total of 2,436 acres as follows:

- The Authority received five land donations from private developers. The donated land of approximately 358.2 acres had an acquisition value of \$1.1 million at the time of donation. In addition, the Authority received one conservation easement with an acquisition value of \$38.5 thousand and about 23.6 acres.
- Five properties of approximately 932.1 acres were acquired with Federal funds (U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service) and State funds (California Department of Fish and Wildlife) of \$3.4 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.
- The Authority also acquired 15 properties totaling 1,122.8 acres using MSHCP local development mitigation fees, Measure A funds, and TUMF funds.
- Additionally, the Authority purchased two new vehicles for management and monitoring of the land reserve.

Additional information on the Authority's capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

During the year, the year, the Authority agreed to expedite the land purchase of a phased acquisition. The accrued phased acquisition fee of \$1.3 million was paid during the year as result of the agreement. In addition, net contract related payables increased by \$10.5 thousand during the year. This represents the net change in accrued annual leave balances earned by contracted staff.

As discussed in Note 8, the Authority has an installment sale note with a private seller and a loan with the County of Riverside which remains outstanding as of June 30, 2017. For additional information regarding long-term debt, see Note 8.

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Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The MSHCP contains a provision for an annual fee adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County). On March 6, 2017, the Authority's Board of Directors approved an increase to the Mitigation Fees of 1.97%, effective July 1, 2017. This increase was incorporated into the Authority's Budget for fiscal year 2018 which was approved by the Board of Directors on May 1, 2017.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, has awarded the California Department of Fish and Wildlife \$2.0 million in Federal Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grant funds for program years 2016 to be passed-through to the Authority upon purchase of eligible reserve land. The grant funds are restricted for land acquisition costs only.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the office of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority, 3403 10th Street, Suite 320, Riverside, California, 92501, (951) 955-9700.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments (Note 2)	\$ 33,352,010
Accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	4,765,081
Interest receivable	48,483
Restricted cash and investments (Note 2)	4,438,528
Capital assets (Note 4):	
Depreciable, net	1,208,358
Nondepreciable	389,440,996
Total Assets	<u>433,253,456</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	345,764
Contracted labor payable	140,257
Customer deposits	1,500
Unearned revenues (Note 7)	3,291,354
Accrued interest payable	25,071
Long-term liabilities (Note 8):	
Due within one year	1,316,119
Due after one year	4,774,934
Total Liabilities	<u>9,894,999</u>
NET POSITION (Note 5)	
Net investment in capital assets	385,494,075
Restricted for:	
Management and monitoring:	
Expendable	184,099
Nonexpendable	3,540,391
Land acquisition	12,218,504
Unrestricted	21,921,388
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 423,358,457</u>

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

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
General operations	\$ 354,383	\$ 114,268	\$ 1,666,529	\$ -	\$ 1,426,414
Management and monitoring	2,538,069	-	3,977,925	-	1,439,856
Land acquisition	2,751,259	-	1,367,831	25,588,915	24,205,487
Interest	43,061	-	-	-	(43,061)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 5,686,772</u>	<u>\$ 114,268</u>	<u>\$ 7,012,285</u>	<u>\$25,588,915</u>	<u>27,028,696</u>
General Revenues:					
					76,368
					90,673
					392,067
					<u>559,108</u>
					27,587,804
					<u>395,770,653</u>
					<u>\$ 423,358,457</u>

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

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Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and investments (Note 2)	\$ 20,196,810	\$ 13,054,408	\$ 100,792	\$ 33,352,010
Accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	1,421,663	3,343,418	-	4,765,081
Interest receivable	25,721	16,977	5,785	48,483
Restricted cash and investments(Note 2)	77,422	-	4,361,106	4,438,528
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Total assets	\$ 21,721,616	\$ 16,414,803	\$ 4,467,683	\$ 42,604,102
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 227,634	\$ 118,130	\$ -	\$ 345,764
Contracted labor payable	46,549	93,708	-	140,257
Customer deposits	1,500	-	-	1,500
Unearned revenue (Note 7)	143,569	2,859,461	-	3,003,030
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Total liabilities	419,252	3,071,299	-	3,490,551
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue (Note 1)	-	816,824	-	816,824
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Total deferred inflows of resources	-	816,824	-	816,824
FUND BALANCES (Note 5):				
Nonspendable	-	-	3,540,391	3,540,391
Restricted	77,522	12,526,680	106,577	12,710,779
Assigned	-	-	820,715	820,715
Unassigned	21,224,842	-	-	21,224,842
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Total fund balances	21,302,364	12,526,680	4,467,683	38,296,727
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Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 21,721,616	\$ 16,414,803	\$ 4,467,683	\$ 42,604,102

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, 2017

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

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 38,296,727
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	390,649,354
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the governmental funds.	816,824
Unearned mitigation revenues exchanged for land, not reported in the funds (Note 7).	(288,324)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:	
Notes payable	(5,155,279)
Contract related payables	(935,774)
Accrued interest payable	(25,071)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 423,358,457</u>

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

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Permanent Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES				
Mitigation fees (Note 6)	\$ -	\$ 14,024,055	\$ -	\$ 14,024,055
Measure A	-	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
Transportation uniform mitigation fee	-	850,000	-	850,000
Infrastructure mitigation	675,636	27,587	-	703,223
Participating special entities	990,893	966,872	214,861	2,172,626
Landfill tipping fees	3,746,320	-	-	3,746,320
Federal and state contributions	-	6,007,200	-	6,007,200
Interest	76,368	60,053	16,744	153,165
Joint project review	114,268	-	-	114,268
Miscellaneous revenue	90,673	313,319	-	403,992
Total revenues	<u>5,694,158</u>	<u>25,249,086</u>	<u>231,605</u>	<u>31,174,849</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General operations	350,171	-	-	350,171
Management and monitoring	2,504,182	-	-	2,504,182
Land acquisition	-	2,596,030	-	2,596,030
Debt Service:				
Payment of phased acquisition fee	-	1,324,889	-	1,324,889
Interest	-	57,831	-	57,831
Capital outlay	67,547	23,435,230	-	23,502,777
Total expenditures	<u>2,921,900</u>	<u>27,413,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,335,880</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,772,258	(2,164,894)	231,605	838,969
Other Financing Sources				
Contributions to permanent endowment	-	-	392,067	392,067
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>392,067</u>	<u>392,067</u>
Net change in fund balances	2,772,258	(2,164,894)	623,672	1,231,036
Fund balances beginning of the year	18,530,106	14,691,574	3,844,011	37,065,691
Fund balances end of year	<u>\$ 21,302,364</u>	<u>\$ 12,526,680</u>	<u>\$ 4,467,683</u>	<u>\$ 38,296,727</u>

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

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,231,036
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Expenditures for capital assets	23,502,777
Donated land	1,090,720
Less current year depreciation expense	(108,052)
Less loss on disposal of assets	(51,793)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position:

Change in non-capitalized phased acquisition fee	75,921
Change in capitalized phased acquisition fee	1,248,968

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.

Mitigation revenues recognized current year (Note 7)	328,674
Change in unavailable funds	288,266

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.

Change in contract related payables	(10,486)
Change in accrued interest payable	(8,227)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 27,587,804

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

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

1. Reporting Entity and Significant Accounting Policies

The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (the “Authority”) was formed in January 2004 under a joint exercise of powers agreement between the County of Riverside (the “County”) and the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, and Temecula for the purpose of acquiring, administering, operating, and maintaining land and facilities for ecosystem conservation and habitat reserves for certain rare, threatened, and endangered species covered by the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) under Article 1, Chapter 5, Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California. Amendment No. 3 to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated April 7, 2009 annexed the Cities of Menifee and Wildomar. Amendment No. 4 to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated May 5, 2011 annexed the City of Eastvale. Amendment No. 5 to Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated December 5, 2011 annexed the City of Jurupa Valley.

The Authority uses the County of Riverside’s accounting system to record all of its financial transactions. The accounting policies of the Authority conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Authority’s Board of Directors is composed of five members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and one elected official from each member city. The Authority’s Board of Directors is as follows:

Marion Ashley	Chairman	County of Riverside, 5 th District Supervisor
Jonathan Ingram	Vice Chairman	City of Murrieta
Daniela Andrade	Member	City of Banning
Julio Martinez	Member	City of Beaumont
Jeffrey Hewitt	Member	City of Calimesa
Larry Greene	Member	City of Canyon Lake
Eugene Montanez	Member	City of Corona
Clint Lorimore	Member	City of Eastvale
Michael Perciful	Member	City of Hemet
Verne Lauritzen	Member	City of Jurupa Valley
Natasha Johnson	Member	City of Lake Elsinore
Matt Liesemeyer	Member	City of Menifee
Jeffrey Giba	Member	City of Moreno Valley
Kevin Bash	Member	City of Norco
David S. Rabb	Member	City of Perris
Andy Melendrez	Member	City of Riverside
Crystal Ruiz	Member	City of San Jacinto
Maryann Edwards	Member	City of Temecula
Timothy Walker	Member	City of Wildomar
Kevin Jeffries	Member	County of Riverside, 1 st District Supervisor
John Tavaglione	Member	County of Riverside, 2 nd District Supervisor
Chuck Washington	Member	County of Riverside, 3 rd District Supervisor
V. Manuel Perez	Member	County of Riverside, 4 th District Supervisor

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

1. Reporting Entity and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The *Government-wide Financial Statements* report information on all of the activities of the Authority. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Mitigation fees are recorded as revenue in the year they are earned. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The *Governmental Fund Financial Statements* are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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 government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to the County of Riverside contracted labor services, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt is reported as other financing sources.

Interest, mitigation fees, and infrastructure mitigation contributions 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. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by Authority.

The Authority uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Authority reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the Authority's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Capital Projects Fund* is used to account for the acquisition of land and construction thereon for ecosystem conservation and habitat reserve. Operating expenditures incurred for accomplishing this purpose are also accounted for in this fund.

The *Permanent Endowment Fund* is used to account for resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *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. Other items such as unrestricted interest and miscellaneous income, not properly included among program revenues, are reported as general revenues.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

1. Reporting Entity and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investment Valuation

The Authority recognizes the fair value measurement of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Authority reported an unrealized loss in the amount of \$76,396 which is reported with other investment earnings as part of nonoperating revenues.

Capital Assets

Capital assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental fund. These assets are reported on the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

Capital assets are stated at cost. Capital assets that have been donated are stated at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The Authority maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for equipment, intangible assets, land improvements and construction in progress and \$1 for real property and acquisitions in progress. The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized. Unimproved land and conservation easements are not depreciated. Land improvements, buildings and improvements, and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives. The ranges of lives used for depreciation purposes for each capital asset class are as follows:

Buildings and Improvements	10 - 50 Years
Land Improvements	10 - 25 Years
Equipment	3 - 5 Years
Vehicles	6 Years
Website Development	15 Years

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Authority has only one type of item, which arises only under the modified accrual basis of accounting, which qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues of \$816,824 from transportation uniform mitigation fees as of June 30, 2017. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, the governmental funds report nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances to show the level of constraint governing the use of the funds. Restricted fund balances are restricted for specific purposes by third parties or enabling legislation. Committed fund balances include amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by adoption of formal resolution by the Board of Directors (the Board). Assigned fund balances comprise amounts intended to be used by the Authority for specific purposes as determined by the Authority's management. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

1. Reporting Entity and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Equity (Continued)

policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources. When unrestricted funds are available for the same purpose, it is the Authority policy to consider amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and disclosures made in the accompanying notes to the financial statements. While management believes these estimates are adequate, actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements

The following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements have been implemented in the current financial statements as of July 1, 2016:

GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This statement requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreements. There was no effect on the Authority's accounting or financial reporting as a result of implementing this standard.

GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*. The objective of this statement is to address a practice issue regarding the scope and applicability of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. There was no effect on the Authority's accounting or financial reporting as a result of implementing this standard.

GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016. There was no effect on the Authority's accounting or financial reporting as a result of implementing this standard.

GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. There was no effect on the Authority's accounting or financial reporting as a result of implementing this standard.

GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*. The objective of this Statement is to address certain issues that have been raised with respect to GASB Statements No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, No. 68, and No. 73. There was no effect on the Authority's accounting or financial reporting as a result of implementing this standard.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

1. Reporting Entity and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Future Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

The following GASB Statements have been issued prior to June 30, 2017. The Authority has not determined the effect of these statements in future financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. The objective of this statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016.

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018.

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018.

GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. This statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. The objective of this statement is improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statements users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019.

2. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Cash and investments	\$33,352,010
Restricted cash and investments	<u>4,438,528</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$37,790,538</u>

At June 30, 2017, cash and investments consisted of the following:

Riverside County Treasurer's Pooled Investment Fund	<u>\$37,790,538</u>
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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

2. Cash and Investments (Continued)

Pooled cash held for land adaptive management and the improvement of burrowing owl habitat is reported as restricted cash and investments:

Cash restricted for:	
Land adaptive management endowment	\$ 4,361,106
Burrowing owl habitat	<u>77,422</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 4,438,528</u>

The Authority is a voluntary participant in the Riverside County Treasurer’s Pooled Investment Fund (RCTPIF). Oversight of the RCTPIF is conducted by the County Treasury Oversight Committee. The RCTPIF pools these funds with those of other entities and invests the cash as prescribed by the California Government Code. The fair value of the Authority’s investment in this pool, which approximates costs, is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Authority’s pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the RCTPIF for the entire RCTPIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by RCTPIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis and reported as cash equivalents in the statement of net position. Deposits and withdrawals to and from RCTPIF are made on the basis of \$1 and not at fair value. Accordingly, under the fair value hierarchy, the investment with RCTPIF is uncategorized.

Interest earned on the pooled funds is apportioned quarterly based on the average daily balance of each fund. For information regarding interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and custodial credit risk of the Riverside County Treasurer’s Pool, refer to the County of Riverside Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Copies of the annual financial report may be obtained from the County Auditor-Controller, 4080 Lemon Street, 11th Floor, Riverside, California, 92501.

Authorized Investments

The Authority has adopted the Riverside County Statement of Investment Policy. The following are investments authorized under the Riverside County Statement of Investment Policy, which are more limited than those authorized under the California Government Code:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum % of Portfolio	Credit Quality (S&P/Moody's/Fitch)
U.S. Treasury	5 Years	100%	N/A
Federal Agencies	5 Years	100%	N/A
Municipal Bonds	4 Years	15%	Long-Term AA-/Aa3/AA-
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Daily Liquidity	\$50 million	N/A
Commercial Paper	270 Days	40%	Short-Term A-1/P-1/F-1
Local Agency Obligations	3 Years	2.5%	Investment Grade
CalTrust Short Term Fund	Daily Liquidity	1%	N/A
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	1 Year	25%	Short-Term A-1/P-1/F-1
Collateralized Time Deposits	1 Year	2%	N/A
Repurchase Agreements	45 Days	40% max / 25%	Short-Term A-1/P-1/F-1
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	60 Days	10%	N/A
Medium Term Notes	3 Years	20%	AA/Aa2/AA
Money Market Mutual Funds	Daily Liquidity	20%	Long-Term AAA (2 of 3 rating services)
Cash/Deposit Account	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

3. Accounts Receivable

Below is the detail of receivables for the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total</u>
Due from other governments:			
Mitigation fees	\$ -	\$ 3,006,867	\$ 3,006,867
Infrastructure mitigation	288,481	-	288,481
County of Riverside	1,278,631	8,949	1,287,580
Transportation uniform mitigation fee	-	816,824	816,824
Subtotal	<u>1,567,112</u>	<u>3,832,640</u>	<u>5,399,752</u>
Due from Others:			
Charges for services	50,924	-	50,924
Others	3,500	17,674	21,174
Subtotal	<u>54,424</u>	<u>17,674</u>	<u>72,098</u>
Total receivable	<u>1,621,536</u>	<u>3,850,314</u>	<u>5,471,850</u>
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(199,873)</u>	<u>(506,896)</u>	<u>(706,769)</u>
Accounts receivable (net)	<u><u>\$ 1,421,663</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,343,418</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,765,081</u></u>

An allowance for uncollectible accounts has been established for delinquent accounts greater than 90 days and collection deemed doubtful. In the General Fund, an allowance has been created in the amount of \$192,290 in outstanding infrastructure mitigation contributions from member agencies and \$7,583 for outstanding charges for services. In the Capital Projects Fund, an allowance of \$506,896 has been established for outstanding mitigation fees from member agencies.

4. Capital Assets

Activity relating to capital assets is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>				<u>Balance</u>
	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Nondepreciable assets					
Land - contributed	\$ 195,959,598	\$ 4,052,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,011,818
Land - grants	34,223,152	6,007,200	-	-	40,230,352
Land - purchased	130,440,079	14,181,562	247,032	-	144,868,673
Land - acquisition in progress	1,113,918	220,534	(247,032)	(51,793)	1,035,627
Conservation easements - contributed	2,526,025	38,500	-	-	2,564,525
Conservation easements - purchased	709,148	20,853	-	-	730,001
Construction in progress	4,140	-	(4,140)	-	-
Total nondepreciable assets	<u>364,976,060</u>	<u>24,520,869</u>	<u>(4,140)</u>	<u>(51,793)</u>	<u>389,440,996</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

4. Capital Assets (Continued)

	Balance June 30, 2016	Additions	Transfers	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2017
Depreciable assets					
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,054,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,054,757
Land improvements	449,179	5,081	4,140	-	458,400
Equipment	179,260	-	-	(50,158)	129,102
Vehicles	180,540	67,547	-	-	248,087
Website development	37,645	-	-	-	37,645
Subtotal depreciable assets	1,901,381	72,628	4,140	(50,158)	1,927,991
Accumulated depreciation	(661,739)	(108,052)	-	50,158	(719,633)
Net depreciable assets	1,239,642	(35,424)	4,140	-	1,208,358
Total capital assets, net	\$ 366,215,702	\$ 24,485,445	\$ -	\$ (51,793)	\$ 390,649,354

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2017 is \$108,052. Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General operations	\$ 3,164
Management and monitoring	32,838
Land acquisition	72,050
Total depreciation	<u>\$ 108,052</u>

5. Fund Balances/Net Position

Fund Financial Statements

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or are required to be maintained intact. Within the Permanent Endowment Fund, the permanently nonspendable fund balance of \$3,540,391 is endowed for the accumulation of funds to be used for land adaptive management at the end of a 25-year land acquisition period.

Restricted Fund Balance - Amounts that are constrained to specific purposes by state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. In accordance with Government Code Section 66000, all mitigation funds have been restricted at year end for future land acquisition and related costs. In addition, external donor contributions of \$77,522 and \$19,680 have been received for improving burrowing owl habitat and fencing on specific property, respectively. Investment income earned on permanent funds of \$106,577 is restricted for management and monitoring of specific properties. Under California Probate Code Sections 18500-18509, the Authority is permitted to spend the realized and unrealized net appreciation of the fair value of investments of the Permanent Endowment Fund over the historical dollar value of the fund.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

5. Fund Balances/Net Position (Continued)

Committed Fund Balance - Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by adoption of a resolution of the Authority’s Board of Directors, the Authority’s highest level of decision-making authority. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified uses through the same type of formal action taken to establish the commitment. As of June 30, 2017, the Authority had no committed fund balances.

Assigned Fund Balance - Amounts intended to be used by the Authority for specific purposes but are not restricted or committed. The Authority’s Board of Directors delegates the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes to the Authority’s Executive Director. The Authority’s fund balance includes \$820,715 in assigned fund balance toward the Permanent Endowment Fund.

Unassigned Fund Balance - These are residual positive net resources of the General Fund in excess of what can properly be classified in one of the other four categories.

Fund Balance at June 30, 2017 is as follows:

Fund Balances:	General	Capital Projects	Permanent Endowment	Total
Nonspendable				
Permanent endowment funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,540,391	\$ 3,540,391
Restricted				
Management and monitoring				
Burrowing owls	77,522	-	-	77,522
Management endowment	-	-	106,577	106,577
Land acquisition programs				
Fencing	-	19,680	-	19,680
Non-development properties	-	289,451	-	289,451
Land acquisition costs	-	12,217,549	-	12,217,549
Subtotal restricted	<u>77,522</u>	<u>12,526,680</u>	<u>106,577</u>	<u>12,710,779</u>
Assigned				
Management endowment	-	-	820,715	820,715
Unassigned	21,224,842	-	-	21,224,842
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 21,302,364</u>	<u>\$ 12,526,680</u>	<u>\$ 4,467,683</u>	<u>\$ 38,296,727</u>

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets of \$385,494,075 represents the value of capital assets held at June 30, 2017, less the balance outstanding on the note and loan payable used to acquire capital assets. Of the restricted net position: \$184,099 is temporarily restricted for land and management programs such as improving burrowing owl habitat and management of certain acquired properties; \$12,218,504 is temporarily restricted for land acquisition including land cost, fencing on acquired land, and other related land costs associated with the purchase of the land; and \$3,540,391 is permanently restricted to accumulate funds to be used for land adaptive management. Unrestricted net position of \$21,921,388 represents funds available for general operations of the Authority.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

6. Mitigation Fees

The County and cities impose a development mitigation fee on all new development to support the acquisition of reserve lands. Mitigation fees collected are remitted to the Authority. Mitigation fee revenues consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2017:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u> <u>Fund</u>
City of Banning	\$ -
City of Beaumont	2,025,891
City of Calimesa	170,219
City of Canyon Lake	21,804
City of Corona	535,152
City of Eastvale	798,899
City of Hemet	12,204
City of Jurupa Valley	1,148,973
City of Lake Elsinore	359,118
City of Menifee	1,179,010
City of Moreno Valley	1,294,804
City of Murrieta	81,150
City of Norco	107,672
City of Perris	1,322,815
City of Riverside	1,337,278
City of San Jacinto	394,416
City of Temecula	339,747
City of Wildomar	380,845
County of Riverside	2,514,058
Total	<u>\$ 14,024,055</u>

7. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue represents amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

Governmental Fund Financials

General Fund

Operating contributions advanced	\$ 143,569
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Capital Projects Fund

Infrastructure mitigation credit	2,836,637
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Land acquisition contributions	22,824
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Subtotal Capital Projects Fund	<u>2,859,461</u>
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Total Governmental Funds	<u>3,003,030</u>
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Government-Wide Financials

Development mitigation fee credit	288,324
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Total Government-Wide	<u>\$ 3,291,354</u>
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7. Unearned Revenue (Continued)

Infrastructure mitigation credit

In December 2011, the County of Riverside advanced \$2,900,000 in future transportation infrastructure contributions to assist the Authority in the purchase of real property. The County is required to contribute 5% of certain construction costs of new roads or the widened portions of existing roads for capacity enhancements. The County and the Authority are required to track future usage of the credit based on eligible construction projects. The remaining credit balance at June 30, 2017 is \$2,836,637.

Development mitigation fee credit

The Authority entered into a development mitigation fee credit agreement with a development corporation in May 2013. The Authority granted \$3,150,000 in mitigation fee credits to the corporation in exchange for property owned by the corporation of approximately 309 acres. The mitigation fee credits may be used by the corporation to satisfy payment of future development fees within the Authority's boundaries. During the current year, the corporation applied \$328,674 in fee credits toward mitigation fees. As of June 30, 2017, \$288,324 in fee credits remains unearned.

8. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Installment sale note	\$ 155,279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,279	\$ 155,279
County of Riverside loan	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000	1,000,000
Phased acquisition fee	1,324,889	-	(1,324,889)	-	-
Contract related payables	925,288	199,272	(188,786)	935,774	160,840
Total long-term debt	\$ 7,405,456	\$ 199,272	\$(1,513,675)	\$ 6,091,053	\$ 1,316,119

Installment Sale Note

At June 30, 2017, the Authority had one outstanding installment sale note for the acquisition of land from a private seller. The note is non-interest bearing and is due on demand. At inception in fiscal year 2007, the Authority recorded a discount on the note payable using an effective interest rate of 3.5% percent. The discount was fully amortized in three years. The note is secured by the property acquired.

County of Riverside Loan

In December 2011, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with the County of Riverside for a principal amount of \$5,000,000. The proceeds of the note were used to fund certain land acquisitions. The Authority plans to repay the County loan using future income from landfill tipping fees, or other available sources. The loan provides for full repayment within 10 years with annual variable interest. Interest is due annually each January at a variable interest rate equal to the annual average rate of the Riverside County Treasurer's Pooled Investment rate. Principal payment of \$1,000,000 is due annually each December, starting December 28, 2017. The outstanding balance at June 30, 2017 is \$5,000,000. The average rate of the Riverside County Treasurer's Pooled Investment rate was 1.0% as of June 30, 2017.

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8. Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Phased Acquisition Fee

In December 2011, the Authority entered into a purchase and sale agreement with a corporation to acquire land with an initial land value of \$42,000,000. The land is to be purchased in nine annual phases commencing in January 2012 and ending in January 2020. The Authority agreed to a phased acquisition fee to compensate the corporation for the deferment of the purchase. The acquisition fee is measured at 4% per annum, compounded annually, over the remaining phases not purchased commencing January 5, 2012 and payable in January 2020. The accumulated phased acquisition fee as of June 30, 2016 on the closed phases was \$1,324,889. In November 2016, the sale agreement was amended to expedite the purchase of phase seven, phase eight, and the accumulated phased acquisition fee for phases 1 through 8 of the agreement in December 2016. Accordingly the phased acquisition fee was \$0 for all closed phases as of June 30, 2017.

Contract Related Payables

As discussed in Note 9, the employees working at the Authority are considered employees of the County of Riverside. County policy permits employees in some bargaining units to accumulate earned, but unused vacation, holiday, and sick pay benefits. For other bargaining units, annual leave is earned and accrued, but not vacation or sick leave. A liability for such leave is absorbed by the Authority for the contracted employees. As of June 30, 2017, the contractual liability to the County for leave balances accrued is \$935,774. The amount is due and payable to the County upon retirement or termination of current staff assigned to the Authority.

As of June 30, 2017, annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year ending June 30	Installment	County of Riverside Loan	
	Sale Loan Principal	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 155,279	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 50,143
2019	-	1,000,000	40,114
2020	-	1,000,000	30,086
2021	-	1,000,000	20,057
2022	-	1,000,000	10,029
	\$ 155,279	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 150,429

9. Related Party Transactions

The Authority is involved in various business transactions with the County of Riverside, a member agency. In June 2007, the Authority entered into a service agreement with the County to provide staffing and other services. The contract expires May 2022. The employees working at the Authority are employees of the County working under contract. All benefits of the staff are established and amended through negotiations between the County and the respective unions. The Authority reimburses the County for the actual salaries and benefits of the staff dedicated to the Authority's daily operations. In addition, the Authority reimburses the County for costs associated with office rental space (Note 10), real estate support, information technology support, central mail, parking services, and other administrative support expenditures as necessary.

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9. Related Party Transactions (Continued)

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Authority paid \$2,732,625 for such County services as follows:

Service	Amount
Contractual labor and benefits	\$ 1,987,657
Real estate services	492,150
Office space rental	198,595
Information technology	26,636
Other administrative support	27,587
	\$ 2,732,625

In January 2006, the Authority entered into a separate MSHCP Reserve Management agreement, with the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (“District”), a component unit of the County of Riverside. The District provides the Authority with management services of the Authority’s reserve lands including protection, maintenance and enhancements. The contract is to expire January 31, 2031 and is cancelable with written notice of six months. During the current year, the Authority paid \$867,639 to the District under this agreement.

As disclosed in Note 8, the Authority and the County of Riverside entered into a loan agreement in the amount of \$5,000,000. The loan will be repaid in ten years with variable interest rate equal to the Riverside County Investment Treasury Pool rate. During the year, the Authority paid interest of \$34,833 to the County.

10. Operating Lease Obligations

The Authority leases office facilities under an operating lease with the County of Riverside. The lease is for 10 years, effective fiscal year 2009. Pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement, 2% annual rent increase shall occur each July 1. Total cost for the lease was \$198,595 for the year-ended June 30, 2017.

The lease is to expire June 30, 2018. Accordingly, the Authority is committed to pay \$202,567 in operating leases for the year.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

As of June 30, 2017 the Authority has entered into various land acquisition agreements with multiple private sellers to acquire properties in phases. The Authority has committed capital project funds to acquire land in the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Land
2018	\$ 365,171
2019	75,593
2020	14,327,685
2021	100,000
Total	\$ 14,868,449

The Authority has entered into separate funding agreements with local governments and agencies to contribute \$9,000,000 toward the above land acquisition commitments.

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11. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the Authority. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Authority expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

12. Pollution Remediation

In prior years, a developer donated 4.57 acres of vacant land that partially overlaid a closed landfill called the Valle Vista Solid Waste Facility to the Authority. Heavy rain in December 2014 caused erosion to partially uncover remnants of the closed landfill. In July 2015, the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Local Enforcement Agency issued a Notice and Order to Abate to the Authority. The Authority is working with the property donor to pay for the cost to remediate the site. As of June 30, 2017, and through the date of the report, there was insufficient information to develop an estimate of potential remediation costs attributable to the Authority.

13. Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority is a member of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), a public entity risk pool formed under California Government Code Section 6500 et seq. The Authority's participation in the general liability program, public officials and employee errors and omissions, auto liability, employee benefits liability, and employment practice liability program of SDRMA provides coverage up to \$10,000,000 per occurrence.

Contracted staff at the Authority are employees of the County of Riverside and are covered by the County's workers' compensation program. The County's workers' compensation program is a self-insured program, providing statutory limits of coverage as required by the State of California.

During the year ending June 30, 2017, the Authority had no settlements exceeding insurance coverage. For the past three years, settlements or judgment amounts have not exceeded insurance provided for the Authority.

14. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 3, 2017, which is the date of the basic financial statements were available to be issued. The following events occurred that would require disclosure:

- The Authority received a land donation of approximately 94 conservation acres with a market value of \$1,190,000.
- The Authority purchased two properties totaling 33 acres of conserved land with a value of \$320,108.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance –
Budget and Actual - General Fund**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amount</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Infrastructure mitigation	\$ 573,270	\$ 573,270	\$ 675,636	\$ 102,366
Participating special entities	137,500	137,500	990,893	853,393
Landfill tipping fees	2,400,000	2,480,000	3,746,320	1,266,320
Interest	68,550	68,550	76,368	7,818
Joint project review	100,000	100,000	114,268	14,268
Miscellaneous revenue	106,180	106,180	90,673	(15,507)
Total revenues	<u>3,385,500</u>	<u>3,465,500</u>	<u>5,694,158</u>	<u>2,228,658</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General operations				
Current:				
Contractual labor	129,490	129,490	103,301	26,189
Services and supplies	356,170	356,170	246,870	109,300
Subtotal general operations	<u>485,660</u>	<u>485,660</u>	<u>350,171</u>	<u>135,489</u>
Management and monitoring				
Current:				
Contractual labor	520,050	520,050	451,864	68,186
Services and supplies	2,341,790	2,339,590	2,012,181	327,409
Taxes and assessments	38,000	40,200	40,137	63
Capital outlay	-	80,000	67,547	12,453
Subtotal management and monitoring	<u>2,899,840</u>	<u>2,979,840</u>	<u>2,571,729</u>	<u>408,111</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,385,500</u>	<u>3,465,500</u>	<u>2,921,900</u>	<u>543,600</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	2,772,258	2,772,258
Fund balance beginning of the year	18,530,106	18,530,106	18,530,106	-
Fund balance end of year	<u>\$ 18,530,106</u>	<u>\$ 18,530,106</u>	<u>\$ 21,302,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,772,258</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Note to Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2017

Budget and Budgetary Process

The Authority's Board of Directors approves each year's budget submitted by the Executive Director prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. The appropriations budget is prepared for each budget unit: general operations, management and monitoring, and land acquisition. The General Fund consists of the general operations and management and monitoring units, whereas the Capital Projects Fund consists of the land acquisition unit. The level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations is the budget unit level. Budgets for the various budget units are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The Authority's Executive Director is authorized to make transfers and revisions of appropriations within a budget unit provided, however, that the total appropriations for each budget unit do not increase or decrease the amount approved in the budget resolution.