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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A) Reporting Entity**

The County of Ventura, California (County) is a legal subdivision of the State of California and was established as a General Law County in 1873. It is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors (Board) and provides the following services: general government, public protection, public ways and facilities, health and sanitation services, public assistance, and education.

The governmental reporting entity consists of the County (Primary Government) and its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Board is financially accountable or other organizations whose nature and significant relationship with the County are such that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board and either the County's ability to impose its will on the organization or the potential for the organization to provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the County.

The basic financial statements include both blended and discretely presented component units. The blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the County's operations and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. The discretely presented component unit, on the other hand, is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the primary government.

For financial reporting purposes, the County's basic financial statements include all financial activities that are controlled by or are dependent upon actions taken by the County's Board. The financial statements of the individual component units may be obtained by writing to the County of Ventura, Auditor-Controller's Office, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1540.

**Blended Component Units**

Using the criteria established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, the County's management has determined that the following component units should be blended with activities of the County as follows:

- Special Revenue Funds – Watershed Protection Districts, County Service Areas, Fire Protection District, the County of Ventura Redevelopment Agency (RDA), and the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority;
- Enterprise Fund – Waterworks Districts including the Lake Sherwood Community Services District, Camarillo Sewer, and Camarillo Roads and Lighting;
- Debt Service Funds – Ventura County Public Financing Authority (PFA), the RDA, and County Service Area #34;
- Capital Project Funds – the PFA and RDA;
- Pension Trust Fund – The County's Supplemental Retirement Plan (SRP).

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The County is financially accountable for each of the blended component units. The basis for blending is that the County's Board acts as the governing board for the entities.

The Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association (VCERA) is not included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The VCERA is a separate legal entity controlled and governed by the Board of Retirement, which is independent of the County Board of Supervisors. The VCERA publishes a separately audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. According to the criteria established in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 39, the VCERA was determined not to be a component unit of the County of Ventura. Audited financial statements of the VCERA may be obtained at 1190 South Victoria Avenue, Suite 200, Ventura, CA 93003.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit**

*Children and Families First Commission*

The Children and Families First Commission (Commission) was established in December 1998, under the authority of the California Children and Families First Act of 1998 and sections 130100, et seq., of the Health and Safety Code. The Commission accounts for receipts and disbursements of California Children and Families First Trust Fund allocations and appropriations to the Commission. The Commission is a discretely presented component unit as the County Board appoints all members of the Commission's governing body and can remove appointed members at will. The separate financial statements may be obtained from Children and Families First Commission, 2580 East Main Street, Suite 203, Ventura, CA 93003.

**B) New Accounting Pronouncements**

GASB Statement No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, effective immediately for the provisions related to the use and reporting of the alternative measurement method, and effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2011, for the provisions related to the frequency and timing of measurements for actuarial valuations first used to report funded status information in other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan financial statements. This statement addresses issues related to the use of the alternative measurement method and the frequency and timing of the measurements by employers that participate in agent multiple-employer OPEB plans. The new requirements are not applicable to the County of Ventura.

GASB Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, improves financial reporting by addressing issues related to service concession arrangements (SCA's), which are a type of public-private or public-public partnership. The county intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2012-13 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2012, improves financial reporting by enhancing guidance for including, presenting, and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions of a financial reporting entity. The County intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2012-13 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989, FASB and AICPA pronouncements*, effective for periods beginning after

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December 15, 2011, incorporates into GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance included in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure, which do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The County intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2012-13 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position*, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, provides financial reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The County intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2012-13 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 64, *Derivative instruments: Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 53*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2011, clarifies whether an effective hedging relationship continues after the replacement of a swap counterparty or a swap counterparty's credit support provider. The new requirements are not applicable to the County of Ventura.

GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported As Assets and Liabilities*, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2012, establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. The county intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2013-14 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 66, *Technical Corrections - 2012 – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 10 and No. 62*, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2012, improves accounting and financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity by resolving conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of two pronouncements, Statements No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, and No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. The county intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2013-14 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2013, improves financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. The county intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2013-14 financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014, improves accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. The county intends to implement the new requirements for the fiscal year 2014-15 financial statements.

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**C) Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

*Government-wide Financial Statements*

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements include capital assets, long-term liabilities, depreciation, and accumulated depreciation.

The statement of net assets and statement of activities display information about the primary government (the County) and its component units. These statements distinguish between the *governmental* and *business-type activities* of the County and between the County and its discretely presented component unit. Governmental activities, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the County's governmental activities and for each segment (different identifiable activities) of the business-type activities of the County. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include 1) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented instead as general revenues.

The internal service funds' activity, except for interfund services provided and used, is eliminated and net balances are primarily included in the governmental activities, with a lesser amount included in the business-type activities, because the internal service funds predominantly serve the governmental funds. Fiduciary funds are not reported on the government-wide financial statements. When restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, restricted resources would generally be considered to be used first, with the unrestricted resources used as they are needed.

*Fund Financial Statements*

The governmental fund financial statements are prepared under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. The proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, except agency funds which have no measurement focus. They provide information about the County's funds, including fiduciary funds and blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category – *governmental, proprietary and fiduciary* – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds; each is displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are separately aggregated and reported as non-major governmental and non-major enterprise funds.

Because the governmental fund financial statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented which explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile fund financial statements to the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary fund *operating* revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party

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receives and gives up essentially equal values. *Nonoperating* revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities. Operating expenses, including salaries and benefits, services and supplies, and depreciation, represent the costs of providing goods and services to customers. Nonoperating expenses are those expenses such as losses from disposal of capital assets and interest expense that do not result from the principal activity of the fund but from secondary or auxiliary activities.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

- The *General* Fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures necessary to carry out basic governmental activities of the County that are not accounted for through other funds. For the County, the General Fund includes such activities as general government, public protection, health and sanitation, public assistance, education, and debt service.
- The *Roads* Fund provides for planning, design, construction, maintenance, and administration of County roads. It also engages in traffic safety and other transportation planning activities. Revenues consist primarily of the County's share of state highway use taxes, sales taxes, and federal grants.
- The *Watershed Protection Districts (formerly Flood Control Districts)* Fund controls flood and storm waters and conserves such waters for beneficial public use. Revenues are primarily received from property taxes, aid from other governmental units, and charges for current services.
- The *Fire Protection District* Fund provides fire protection to the unincorporated areas of the County as well as the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. Support is principally from property taxes and aid from other governmental units.

The County reports the following major enterprise funds:

- The *Medical Center* Fund is part of the County Health Care Agency which operates a two campus hospital. The main campus in Ventura is a general acute care facility providing emergency room, inpatient, and mental health inpatient services. The Santa Paula campus is licensed and accredited as part of Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and is licensed for 49 acute beds. VCMC maintains comprehensive neonatal, emergency and outpatient medical care programs. Outpatient care is provided by a fully integrated system of ten community-based clinics and seventeen specialty clinics located throughout the county. It also provides support services to related public and mental health programs administered by the Health Care Agency. The fund provides indigent care which is subsidized, in part, by transfers from the General Fund for such services.
- The *Department of Airports* Fund operates the County-owned general aviation facilities at the Camarillo and Oxnard airports and provides administrative, fiscal, and other support services for airport tenants and the flying public. This fund accounts for aid from other governmental units in support of aviation and also provides support services for the operation of the streets, street lighting, and storm drains at the Camarillo airport.

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- The *Waterworks Districts* Fund performs necessary administrative, maintenance, and operations functions to provide uninterrupted water delivery services and sewer collection and disposal services to various communities of Ventura County. These districts include Waterworks Districts 1, 16, 17, 19, Camarillo Sewer, and Lake Sherwood.

The County reports the following additional funds and fund types:

- *Internal Service* Funds account for the County's fleet maintenance; engineering, construction, and maintenance services; telecommunication and information systems; general services; and self-insurance programs – workers' compensation, long-term disability, employee benefits, medical malpractice, and general insurance on a cost-reimbursement basis.
- The *Supplemental Retirement Plan (SRP) Pension Trust* Fund accounts for the assets, contributions, and benefit payments of the SRP established January 1, 1992, under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a).
- The *Investment Trust* Fund (a single cash pool managed by the Treasury) accounts for the assets of legally separate entities that deposit cash with the County Treasurer. The entities include school and community college districts and special districts governed by local boards. These funds represent the assets, primarily cash and investments, and the related liability of the County to disburse these monies on demand. The County follows procedures of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*. Detailed information about the major legal entities included in the Investment Trust Fund is provided in the Schedule of Fiduciary Net Assets and Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets in the Supplementary Information section.
- The *Private-purpose Trust* Fund is a fiduciary fund type used by the County to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit other governments. This fund reports the assets, liabilities, and activities of the Ventura County Redevelopment Successor Agency (Successor Agency).
- The *County Agency* Fund accounts for assets held for distribution by the County as an agent for various local tax entities.

**D) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The government-wide, proprietary, pension, investment trust, and private-purpose trust fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Agency funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the County gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property and sales taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized when

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the underlying transactions take place. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds 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. Sales taxes, interest, certain state and federal grants, and charges for services are accrued when their receipt occurs within six months following the end of the fiscal year. Property taxes are accrued if they are collectible within 60 days after the end of the accounting period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, claims, and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions and general principal payments are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

For its governmental activities, business-type activities, and enterprise funds, the County has elected under GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting of Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, to apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as any applicable pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the Accounting Principles Board, or any Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The County has elected to not apply the FASB standards issued subsequent to November 30, 1989, for its business-type activities and enterprise funds. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing governmental accounting and financial reporting standards, which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental users.

**E) Cash and Investments**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and investments include cash in banks and investments held by the County Treasurer in a cash management pool generally with original maturities of 90 days or less. In accordance with GASB No. 31, investments are stated at fair value. County fair value is determined annually based on market values provided by its investment custodian (Wells Fargo Bank) as of June 30, 2012. The fair value of participants' aggregate position in the pool is the same as the aggregate value of the pool shares. The participants share a ratable portion of the pool's activity and its value based on average daily balances. For SRP, investment income components (interest, dividends, and net increase or decrease in fair value) are determined at year-end as reported by the various trustees and custodians on the accrual basis.

**F) Inventories and Other Assets**

Inventories consisting of materials and supplies, are valued at cost, approximating market value, primarily on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis. The costs of governmental fund inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed, rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Inventories and prepaid items recorded in governmental funds are offset by nonspendable fund balance to indicate the portion of fund balance that is not in spendable form.

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**G) Capital Assets**

Capital asset components consist of land, easements, construction in progress, land improvements, structures and improvements, equipment, vehicles, software, and infrastructure. The County defines capital assets as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

The capitalization level and estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Capitalization Level</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Land improvements	\$5,000	5-75
Structures and improvements	\$25,000, except \$5,000 for Airports, and \$50,000 for Waterworks	30-75 *
Betterments	\$5,000	30-75
Equipment	\$5,000	2-30
Vehicles	\$5,000	2-25
Software	\$5,000, purchased software; \$50,000, internally generated software	3-10
Capital leases	As above, based on category	5-40
Infrastructure	All new construction and major renovations are capitalized; all other costs are considered maintenance and are expensed.	40-100

\* Except for certain fixed equipment which may have a shorter useful life.

The County has two networks of infrastructure assets – roads and watershed protection. The roads network includes roads, bridges, and traffic signals. The watershed protection network includes flood channels, debris dams, detention basins, pump stations, and rights of way.

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or at estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Assets acquired from gifts or donations are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date contributed. Self-constructed assets, including structures and improvements and internally generated software, are recorded at the amount of direct labor, material, and net interest costs incurred (for proprietary funds) if financed by tax-exempt borrowing.

Acquisitions of capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds statement. Capital assets are capitalized and depreciated on the government-wide and the proprietary funds statements. Land, easements, construction in progress, and assets not used in operations are not depreciated. Other components used in operations are depreciated or amortized (assets under capital leases) using the straight-line method over the lower of the capital lease period or their estimated useful lives. The County has elected the depreciation approach for infrastructure.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Betterments and major improvements which significantly increase values, change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

**H) Compensated Absences**

County policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation, sick pay, and compensatory time. A liability for all vacation pay and compensatory time and 25 percent of unused accumulated sick leave for those employees with at least ten years of service is accrued when earned in the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements. In accordance with GASB Interpretation No. 6, a liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds financial statements only if they have

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matured as a result of employee resignations and retirements prior to year-end and are paid by the County subsequent to year-end.

**I) Interfund Transactions**

Interfund transactions are reflected as loans, services provided or used, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as receivables and payables as appropriate, and are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans) and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by nonspendable fund balance in the general fund and as restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance in other governmental funds as applicable.

Services provided or used and deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Reimbursements are repayments (adjustments to the expenditures or expenses) from the funds responsible for certain expenditures or expenses to the funds that initially paid for them. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide presentation.

**J) Fund Balance Policy**

The County has adopted a policy to achieve a minimum level of unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund of 10 percent of total appropriations/revenue, with a long term goal of 15 percent. In addition, a General Reserve governed by Government Code 29127, which may only be used for legally declared emergencies, is maintained at 1 percent of General Fund appropriations.

**K) Estimates**

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

**L) Reclassifications**

Certain prior year balances may have been reclassified in order to conform to current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect upon reported net assets.

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The County sponsors an Investment Pool that is managed by the County Treasurer for the purpose of increasing interest earnings through investment activities. Cash and investments for most County activities are included in the Investment Pool. The respective funds' shares of the total pool are included in the accompanying basic financial statements under the captions "Cash and investments" and "Restricted cash and investments." Cash and investments managed separately from the Investment Pool include those of the PFA and SRP.

The Investment Pool is comprised of internal and external pool participants. The internal pool participants include the funds and component units of the reporting entity and are reported in the various County funds. The external pool participants include legally separate entities, which are not part of the sponsor's reporting entity. The external investment component of the Investment Pool is reported in the

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accompanying financial statements as an investment trust fund within the fiduciary funds and uses the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

The County has adopted an Investment Policy Statement (IPS), which complies with the requirements of California Government Code, and serves as the basis for the type of investments, maturity limit, credit rating, and diversification of securities comprising the Investment Pool. The objectives of the IPS are safety of principal, maintenance of liquidity, and earning a competitive rate of return.

Investments permitted by the IPS include obligations of the U. S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities, or commercial paper rated A-1 or better by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services (S & P) or P-1 by Moody's Commercial Paper Record, bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements, corporate notes, negotiable certificates of deposit, obligations of the State of California, and obligations of any local agency within California.

Total cash and investments at fair value as reported at June 30, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

Governmental activities	\$ 709,304
Business-type activities	<u>83,762</u>
Primary government	793,066
Component unit	<u>35,737</u>
Total government-wide	<u>828,803</u>
Fiduciary funds:	
Pension trust fund	12,998
Investment trust fund	854,563
Private-purpose trust fund	480
Agency fund	<u>15,344</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 1,712,188</u>

Cash and investments at fair value for County funds, including those funds managed separately from the Treasury, at June 30, 2012, are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	Treasury	Fiscal Agents	SRP Pension Trust	Total
Cash:				
Cash on hand	\$ 4	\$ 22	\$ -	\$ 26
Deposits (net outstanding checks)	<u>15,591</u>	<u>30,237</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>46,377</u>
Total cash (net outstanding checks)	<u>15,595</u>	<u>30,259</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>46,403</u>
Investments:				
In Treasurer's pool	1,653,336	-	-	1,653,336
In pension portfolios	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,449</u>	<u>12,449</u>
Total investments	<u>1,653,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,449</u>	<u>1,665,785</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 1,668,931</u>	<u>\$ 30,259</u>	<u>\$ 12,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,188</u>

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**Cash**

The cash portion of “cash and investments” includes demand deposits.

At June 30, 2012, the carrying amount of the County’s cash was \$46,403,000, and the bank balance per various institutions was \$67,523,000. Treasury cash of \$15,595,000 reflects outstanding checks of \$21,120,000. Treasurer’s pool investments are managed daily to maximize earnings and provide cash as needed. Of the bank balance in financial institutions, \$1,049,000 is covered by federal depository insurance and \$66,474,000 was uninsured. The uninsured deposits were held by financial institutions, which are legally required by the California Government Code (GC) to collateralize the County’s deposits by pledging government securities or first trust deed mortgage notes. In accordance with GC 53652, the market value of the pledged securities and first trust deed mortgage notes must be at least 110 percent and 150 percent of the County’s deposits, respectively, as provided for in the County’s Contract for Deposit of Moneys.

“Restricted assets - cash and investments” in the amount of \$11,445,000 are held in the proprietary funds and include \$1,500,000 for Health Care Plan tangible net equity deposit. The remainder of \$9,548,000 for the Medical Center, \$8,000 for Channel Islands Harbor, \$215,000 for Waterworks and \$174,000 for General Services internal service fund is restricted by trust agreements for debt service. Of the \$11,445,000, \$9,730,000 is held with fiscal agents and \$1,715,000 is held in the County Treasury and is included in cash and cash equivalents on the Statement of Cash Flows.

**Investments—Investment Pool (Treasury)**

Fair value calculations at fiscal year-end for the Investment Pool are based on market values provided by the County’s investment custodian. The net change in fair value from carrying value at June 30, 2012, amounted to an increase of \$2,704,000. The net change in fair value from June 30, 2011 to June 30, 2012, was a decrease of \$4,166,000.

The County investment pool maintains an investment in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), that is regulated by the California Government Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. At June 30, 2012, the County’s investment in LAIF was \$25,000,000, which approximates fair value and is the same as the value of the pool shares, which is determined on an amortized cost basis.

The County is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. No legally binding guarantees have been provided during the period to support the value of shares in the pool. Investment earnings are allocated based on the average daily balance in the Investment Pool for the calendar quarter. The earnings are distributed to participants twice per quarter as cash is received.

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As of June 30, 2012, the major classes of the County's investments, including those managed outside the Treasury, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Interest Rate Range	Maturity Date/Range	Cost	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)	Credit Rating (S & P/ Moody's)
<b>Investments in Investment Pool</b>						
U.S. agency securities	0.181 - 1.822	8/10/12 - 12/29/14	\$ 1,384,918	\$ 1,388,467	1.04	AA+, Aaa
Commercial paper	0.300 - 0.381	7/12/12 - 12/27/12	176,166	176,228	0.25	A-1+, P-1
Medium term corporate notes	0.436 - 0.630	1/08/13 - 05/01/13	64,548	63,641	0.59	AA+, Aa2
Local agency investment fund	.377		25,000	25,000	-	Unrated
<b>Total investments in Investment Pool</b>			<u>1,650,632</u>	<u>1,653,336</u>	0.92	
<b>Investments outside Investment Pool</b>						
<i>SRP Pension Trust:</i>						
Bond mutual funds			2,151	2,895	6.77	Unrated
Equity mutual funds			7,794	9,554	-	Unrated
Subtotal			<u>9,945</u>	<u>12,449</u>	1.58	
<b>Total investments outside Investment Pool</b>			<u>9,945</u>	<u>12,449</u>		
<b>Total fair value</b>				<u>\$ 1,665,785</u>		

The Investment Pool does not issue financial statements separate from the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The following represents a condensed statement of net assets and changes in net assets for the pool (internal and external) as of June 30, 2012 (in thousands):

	<u>Total</u>
<u>Statement of Net Assets</u>	
Net assets held for pool participants	<u>\$ 1,668,931</u>
Equity of internal pool participants	\$ 778,943
Equity of external pool participants	854,299
Equity of discretely presented component unit	<u>35,689</u>
Total equity	<u>\$ 1,668,931</u>
<u>Statement of Changes in Net Assets</u>	
Net assets at July 1, 2011	\$ 1,956,025
Decrease in investment by pool participants, net	<u>(287,094)</u>
Net assets at June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 1,668,931</u>

The Investment Pool includes both voluntary and involuntary participants for whom cash and investments are held by the County Treasurer. The total percentage share of the Investment Pool related to involuntary participants is estimated at 41 percent. Legal provisions require certain special districts to maintain surplus cash in the Investment Pool including public school districts, cemetery districts, recreation and park districts, and the Air Pollution Control District.

**Investments – SRP**

The SRP adopts an investment policy which emphasizes safety, diversification and yield and follows the "prudent investor rule" as required by the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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Investments permitted by the policy include fixed income and equity mutual funds. Fair value calculations at fiscal year-end for the SRP are based on market values provided by the SRP’s investment custodian.

**Risk Disclosures**

Custodial Credit Risk

*Investment Pool.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The risk is mitigated through federal depository insurance coverage and collateralization in accordance with California Government Code Section 53652. Information about the composition of insured and uninsured deposits at June 30, 2012, is provided in the section “Cash.”

Credit Risk

*Investment Pool.* State law and the IPS limit investments in commercial paper to those with the rating of A-1 or better by S & P or P-1 by Moody’s Investors Service. The County does not have credit limits on government agency securities. Certificates of deposit are required to be insured by the FDIC.

*SRP.* The SRP does not have a formal policy regarding credit risk. As of June 30, 2012, the SRP’s investments in a money market mutual fund and bond mutual funds were unrated.

Concentration of Credit Risk

*Investment Pool.* State law and the IPS limit investments in commercial paper to 40 percent of the investment pool and 10 percent of the investment pool per issuer. The following is a summary of the concentration of credit risk as a percentage of the Investment Pool’s fair value at June 30, 2012:

Investment	Percentage of Investment Pool
Federal Home Loan Banks	28.47 %
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	16.81 %
Federal Farm Credit Banks	11.29 %
Federal National Mortgage Association	27.41 %
General Electric Capital Corporation	10.66 %
General Elect Corp Bonds	3.85 %
Local Agency Investment Fund	1.51 %
Total	100.00 %

*SRP.* Investments in mutual funds are excluded from the requirement to disclose concentration of credit risk. As of June 30, 2012, the SRP was not exposed to concentration of credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

*Investment Pool.* Through its IPS, the County manages its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates by limiting the weighted average maturity of the Investment Pool’s holdings to 375 days. At June 30, 2012, the weighted average maturity of the Investment Pool was 338 days.

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*SRP.* The SRP does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The SRP has exposure to interest rate risk by investing \$2,895,000, or 23 percent, of its investments in bond mutual funds.

Foreign Currency Risk

*Investment Pool.* The Investment Pool is precluded from investing in foreign currency by the IPS; therefore, it is not subject to foreign currency risk.

**NOTE 3 - PROPERTY TAXES**

All jurisdictions within California derive their taxing authority from the State Constitution and various legislative provisions contained in the State Government Codes and Revenue and Taxation Codes. Property is originally assessed at 100 percent of full cash or market value at the date of transfer or completion of construction pursuant to Article XIII(A) of the California State Constitution and statutory provisions by the County Assessor and State Board of Equalization. Annual increases are limited to 2 percent of base year values.

The property tax levy to support general operations of various jurisdictions is limited to one percent of full cash value and is distributed in accordance with statutory formulas. Amounts levied each fiscal year to finance the annual requirements of voter approved debt are excluded from this limitation and are calculated and levied each fiscal year. The rates are formally adopted by either the Board or the city councils and, in some instances, the governing board of a special district.

The County is divided into approximately 2,493 tax rate areas, which are unique combinations of various jurisdictions serving a specific geographic area. In fiscal year 2011-12, the rates levied within each tax rate area varied from a low of 1.000000 to a high of 1.205437 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Property taxes are levied on both real and personal property. Secured property taxes are levied July 1, and payable in two equal installments: the first is generally due November 1, and delinquent with penalties after December 10; the second is generally due on February 1, and delinquent with penalties after April 10. Unsecured property taxes become delinquent with penalties after August 31. Secured property taxes become a lien on the property on January 1, or the date on which title to the property transfers or improvements to the property are completed. Supplemental property tax assessments/refunds associated with changes in assessed valuations due to transfers of title and completed property improvements are levied in two equal installments and have variable due dates based on the date of title transfer and/or completion of the property improvements.

The County elected the alternative property tax treatment (Teeter Plan) effective July 1, 1993, whereby the County, through the Property Tax Resource Allocation Fund (PTRAF), purchases the current secured unpaid taxes remaining at year-end from participating agencies. In return, the PTRAF records a tax receivable and receives the delinquent secured taxes. The Property Tax Loss Reserve Fund (PTLRF) receives delinquent penalties and redemption interest accruing to delinquent collections related to participating agencies. The participating agencies, including the County, certain special districts, and the school districts, in turn, receive their full tax distribution with no liability for uncollected taxes to the PTRAF. Therefore, for participating agencies, revenue is measurable and available and is recorded in the period the payment of current secured unpaid taxes is received prior to fiscal year-end. The balance in the PTRAF is recorded to the General Fund for financial reporting purposes only as of fiscal year-end.

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**NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES**

Year-end receivables of the County's major, non-major, and proprietary funds, as well as governmental and business-type activities, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows (in thousands):

Governmental Funds	General Fund	Roads	Watershed Protection Districts	Fire Protection District	Non-major Governmental Funds	Internal Service Funds	Total Governmental Activities
Receivables:							
Taxes	\$ 121	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 48	\$ 81	\$ -	\$ 258
Accounts	72,926	2,900	1,978	3,014	22,068	3,317	106,203
Interest	368	46	46	76	33	154	723
Gross Receivables	73,415	2,946	2,032	3,138	22,182	3,471	107,184
Loans and other long-term receivables	32,106	630	1,267	300	12,952	191	47,446
Total receivables	<u>\$ 105,521</u>	<u>\$ 3,576</u>	<u>\$ 3,299</u>	<u>\$ 3,438</u>	<u>\$ 35,134</u>	<u>\$ 3,662</u>	<u>\$ 154,630</u>
Proprietary Funds	Medical Center	Department of Airports	Waterworks Districts	Non-major Enterprise Funds	Total Enterprise Funds and Business-type Activities		
Receivables:							
Accounts	\$ 339,685	\$ 1,375	\$ 4,705	\$ 6,058	\$ 351,823		
Interest	6	3	24	22	55		
Other	220	-	-	-	220		
Gross Receivables	339,911	1,378	4,729	6,080	352,098		
Less: Allow./Uncollectible Acct	(240,407)	(20)	(112)	-	(240,539)		
Total Receivables - fund statements	99,504	1,358	4,617	6,080	111,559		
Loans and other long-term receivables	57	-	-	40	97		
Total receivables	<u>\$ 99,561</u>	<u>\$ 1,358</u>	<u>\$ 4,617</u>	<u>\$ 6,120</u>	<u>\$ 111,656</u>		

The balance of loans and other long-term receivables at year-end for governmental activities include SB90 revenue in the General Fund of \$31,662,000, the accrual of revenue from the state and federal government for disaster reimbursements in the Roads Fund of \$630,000 and the Watershed Protection Districts Fund of \$1,267,000, and special assessment receivable of \$10,812,000, Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant long-term receivable of \$1,391,000, and County Successor Housing Agency receivable of \$731,000 in non-major Governmental Funds.

**Proposition 1A Borrowing by the State of California**

Under the provisions of Proposition 1A and as part of the 2009-10 budget package passed by the California state legislature on July 28, 2009, the State of California borrowed 8 percent of the amount of property tax revenue, including those property taxes associated with the in-lieu motor vehicle license fee, the triple flip in lieu of sales tax, and supplemental property tax, apportioned to cities, counties, and special districts (excluding redevelopment agencies). The state is required to repay this borrowing plus interest by June 30, 2013. After repayment of this initial borrowing, the California legislature may consider one additional borrowing within a ten-year period. The amount of this borrowing pertaining to the County of Ventura, including the Ventura County Library, Fire Protection District, and Watershed Protection Districts, was \$32,008,000.

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Authorized with the 2009-10 State budget package, the Proposition 1A Securitization Program was instituted by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (California Communities), a joint powers authority sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, to enable local governments to sell their Proposition 1A receivables to California Communities. Under the Securitization Program, California Communities simultaneously purchased the Proposition 1A receivables and issued bonds (Prop 1A Bonds) to provide local agencies with cash proceeds in two equal installments, on January 15, 2010 and May 3, 2010. The purchase price paid to the local agencies equaled 100 percent of the amount of the property tax reduction. All transaction costs of issuance and interest were paid by the State of California. Participating local agencies have no obligation on the bonds and no credit exposure to the State. The County of Ventura including the Ventura County Library, Fire Protection District, and Watershed Protection Districts participated in the securitization program and, accordingly, property taxes have been recorded in the same manner as if the State had not exercised its rights under Proposition 1A. The receivable sale proceeds were equal to the book value and, as a result, no gain or loss was recorded.

The County Service Areas did not participate in the securitization Program and the borrowing by the State of California was recognized as a receivable of \$76,000 in the accompanying financial statements. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, the borrowed tax revenues are not permitted to be recognized as revenue in the governmental fund financial statements until the tax revenues are received from the State of California (expected to be fiscal year 2012-13). In the government-wide financial statements, the tax revenues were recognized in the fiscal year for which they were levied (fiscal year 2009-10).

**NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

**Interfund Receivables/ Payables (Short-Term):**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2012, is as follows (in thousands):

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Roads Fund	\$ 76
	Watershed Protection Districts	99
	Fire Protection District	122
	Non-major Governmental Funds	2,709
	Medical Center	2,100
	Department of Airports	1
	Waterworks Districts	1,247
	Non-major Enterprise Funds	5,539
	Internal Service Funds	<u>186</u>
		\$ 12,079

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Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount	
Roads Fund	General Fund	\$ 78	
	Watershed Protection Districts	5	
	Non-major Governmental Funds	1	
	Internal Service Funds	6	
			\$ 90
Watershed Protection Districts	General Fund	366	
	Roads Fund	3	
	Waterworks Districts	1	
	Internal Service Funds	2	
			372
Fire Protection District	General Fund	1,272	
	Internal Service Funds	77	
			1,349
Non-major Governmental Funds	General Fund	3,890	
	Non-major Governmental Funds	26	
			3,916
Medical Center	General Fund	851	
	Fire Protection District	25	
	Non-major Governmental Funds	116	
	Non-major Enterprise Funds	513	
			1,505
Department of Airports	General Fund	6	
	Internal Service Funds	3	
			9
Waterworks Districts	General Fund	40	
	Fire Protection District	2	
	Non-major Governmental Fund	19	
	Department of Airports	2	
	Internal Service Funds	4	
			67
Non-major Enterprise Funds	General Fund	52	
	Medical Center	8	
			60
Internal Service Funds	General Fund	3,059	
	Roads Fund	1,676	
	Watershed Protection Districts	2,126	
	Fire Protection District	116	
	Non-major Governmental Funds	102	
	Medical Center	507	
	Department of Airports	16	
	Waterworks Districts	756	
	Non-major Enterprise Funds	941	
	Internal Service Funds	535	
			9,834
Total Due To/Due From			\$ 29,281

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The balance of 2,709,000 due to the General Fund from Non-major Governmental Funds is primarily the reimbursement of payroll expenditures from Mental Health Services Act.

The balance of \$2,100,000 due to the General Fund from the Medical Center is primarily the allocation of Health Care Agency and Access Coverage Enrollment Program (ACE) administration costs.

The balance of \$3,890,000 due to Non-major Governmental Funds from the General Fund is primarily the transfer of Short Doyle Medi-Cal revenue.

The balance of \$851,000 due to the Medical Center from the General Fund relates primarily to the accrual of Realignment revenue, Mental Health Medicare billing, Public Health clinical lab services, and rent and maintenance charges.

The remaining interfund balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. These balances also include the amount of working capital loans made to Non-major Governmental Funds, Waterworks Districts, and Non-major Enterprise Funds that the General Fund expects to collect in the subsequent year.

**Advances to/from Other Funds (in thousands):**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	
General Fund	Non-major Governmental Fund	\$ 1,950
Total Advances		<u>\$ 1,950</u>

The General Fund extends long-term advances, when needed for cash flow purposes, to funds outside the General Fund that receive funding on a reimbursement basis. Repayment is expected when available cash is in excess of that needed for operations.

The General Fund has extended a long-term advance, interest free, for cash flow purposes, to:

- In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority (IHS) in the amount of \$1,950,000. IHS receives funding after the expenditures have been incurred. This advance was authorized for up to \$3,250,000.

Based on available information, this loan is not expected to be repaid by June 30, 2012.

Advances are included in the internal balances on the Statement of Net Assets.

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**Transfers**

Transfers are used to move funding for capital projects, lease payments or debt service, subsidies of various County operations, and re-allocations of special revenues. The following schedule briefly summarizes the County's transfer activity (in thousands):

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	\$ 9,229	Transfer funds for scheduled debt service
	Non-major Governmental Funds	5,637	Subsidy for operating expenses
	Non-major Governmental Funds	853	Health and welfare realignment
	Medical Center	12,917	Health and welfare realignment and tobacco settlement revenues
	Medical Center	26,697	Subsidy for operating expenses
	Non-major Enterprise Funds	1,135	Subsidy for operating expenses
	Internal Service Funds	187	Subsidy for capital asset purchase
	Internal Service Funds	30	Subsidy for operating expenses
	Internal Service Funds	713	Subsidy for capital projects
			<u>57,398</u>
Roads Fund	Internal Service Funds	<u>404</u>	Subsidy for capital asset purchase
Watershed Protection Districts	Internal Service Funds	<u>638</u>	Subsidy for capital asset purchase
Fire Protection District	General Fund	<u>323</u>	Subsidy for capital asset purchase
Non-major Governmental Funds	General Fund	6	Subsidy for prosecution costs
	Non-major Governmental Funds	357	Subsidy for operating expenses
	Non-major Governmental Funds	<u>26</u>	Transfer of endowment interest
		<u>389</u>	
Medical Center	General Fund	<u>310</u>	Transfer ACE administrative cost
Internal Service Funds	Internal Service Funds	<u>22</u>	Subsidy for capital asset purchase
Total		<u>\$ 59,484</u>	

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**NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2012, was as follows (in thousands):

	Balance July 1, 2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2012
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 29,926	\$ 1,140	\$ -	\$ 31,066
Easements	200,535	24	-	200,559
Construction in progress	110,157	36,255	65,509	80,903
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>340,618</u>	<u>37,419</u>	<u>65,509</u>	<u>312,528</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Land improvements	15,442	24,263	-	39,705
Structures and improvements	446,932	13,602	3,687	456,847
Equipment	98,256	9,665	3,712	104,209
Vehicles	77,080	11,934	8,474	80,540
Software	43,209	7,681	513	50,377
Infrastructure	448,608	16,773	-	465,381
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>1,129,527</u>	<u>83,918</u>	<u>16,386</u>	<u>1,197,059</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Land improvements	1,581	850	-	2,431
Structures and improvements	148,482	10,829	1,762	157,549
Equipment	62,698	6,832	3,263	66,267
Vehicles	38,474	5,749	7,245	36,978
Software	36,515	3,554	513	39,556
Infrastructure	100,167	4,579	-	104,746
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>387,917</u>	<u>32,393</u>	<u>12,783</u>	<u>407,527</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>741,610</u>	<u>51,525</u>	<u>3,603</u>	<u>789,532</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,082,228</u>	<u>\$ 88,944</u>	<u>\$ 69,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,102,060</u>
<b>Business-type Activities (Enterprise):</b>				
<b>Medical Center:</b>				
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 2,047	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,047
Construction in progress	7,132	17,498	2,532	22,098
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>9,179</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>2,532</u>	<u>24,145</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Land improvements	1,084	-	-	1,084
Structures and improvements	117,565	5,899	-	123,464
Equipment	33,624	2,421	-	36,045
Software	8,341	6	-	8,347
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>160,614</u>	<u>8,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,940</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Land improvements	1,084	-	-	1,084
Structures and improvements	33,097	3,782	-	36,879
Equipment	25,099	2,064	-	27,163
Software	7,178	214	-	7,392
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>66,458</u>	<u>6,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,518</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>94,156</u>	<u>2,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,422</u>
Medical Center capital assets, net	<u>\$ 103,335</u>	<u>\$ 19,764</u>	<u>\$ 2,532</u>	<u>\$ 120,567</u>

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	Balance July 1, 2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2012
<b>Department of Airports:</b>				
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 9,721	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,721
Easements	399	-	-	399
Construction in progress	<u>557</u>	<u>3,972</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>148</u>
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>10,677</u>	<u>3,972</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>10,268</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Land improvements	45,418	6,341	314	51,445
Structures and improvements	17,373	179	287	17,265
Equipment	966	42	6	1,002
Vehicles	<u>990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>990</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>64,747</u>	<u>6,562</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>70,702</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Land improvements	19,450	1,904	300	21,054
Structures and improvements	11,076	579	88	11,567
Equipment	518	72	6	584
Vehicles	<u>234</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>31,278</u>	<u>2,621</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>33,505</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>33,469</u>	<u>3,941</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>37,197</u>
Department of Airports capital assets, net	<u>\$ 44,146</u>	<u>\$ 7,913</u>	<u>\$ 4,594</u>	<u>\$ 47,465</u>
<b>Waterworks Districts:</b>				
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 2,537	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,537
Easements	91	194	-	285
Construction in progress	<u>7,807</u>	<u>4,348</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>12,054</u>
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>10,435</u>	<u>4,542</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>14,876</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Land improvements	1,401	-	-	1,401
Structures and improvements	101,633	11,914	539	113,008
Equipment	2,924	-	-	2,924
Vehicles	<u>99</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>106,057</u>	<u>11,914</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>117,432</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Land improvements	195	28	-	223
Structures and improvements	26,894	1,923	269	28,548
Equipment	1,171	114	-	1,285
Vehicles	<u>66</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>28,326</u>	<u>2,069</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>30,126</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>77,731</u>	<u>9,845</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>87,306</u>
Waterworks Districts capital assets, net	<u>\$ 88,166</u>	<u>\$ 14,387</u>	<u>\$ 371</u>	<u>\$ 102,182</u>

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	Balance July 1, 2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2012
<b>Non-major Enterprise Funds:</b>				
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 9,009	\$ 178	\$ -	\$ 9,187
Easements	103	-	-	103
Construction in progress	<u>1,747</u>	<u>10,129</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>11,698</u>
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>10,859</u>	<u>10,307</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>20,988</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Land improvements	15,701	1,853	-	17,554
Structures and improvements	25,027	33	-	25,060
Equipment	2,028	24	18	2,034
Vehicles	48	-	-	48
Software	<u>37</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>42,841</u>	<u>1,910</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>44,733</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Land improvements	6,553	857	-	7,410
Structures and improvements	14,087	518	-	14,605
Equipment	1,410	135	18	1,527
Vehicles	39	4	-	43
Software	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>22,102</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>23,604</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>20,739</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,129</u>
Non-major Enterprise Funds capital assets, net	<u>\$ 31,598</u>	<u>\$ 10,697</u>	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 42,117</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 267,245</u>	<u>\$ 52,761</u>	<u>\$ 7,675</u>	<u>\$ 312,331</u>

**Depreciation/amortization**

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows (in thousands):

General government:	
General administration	\$ <u>6,441</u>
Total general government	\$ 6,441
Public protection:	
Judicial	744
Police protection	2,515
Detention and correction	4,183
Fire protection	5,044
Watershed protection and soil & water conservation	2,707
Protective inspection	3
Other	<u>642</u>
Total public protection	15,838
Public ways and facilities	2,021
Health and sanitation services	244
Public assistance:	
Administration	469
Other	<u>68</u>
Total public assistance	537
Education	178
Capital assets held by the internal service funds	<u>7,134</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 32,393</u>

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Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to the business-type activities as follows (in thousands):

Medical Center	\$	6,060
Department of Airports		2,621
Waterworks Districts		2,069
Parks Department		989
Channel Islands Harbor		492
Health Care Plan		11
Oak View District		28
Total depreciation/amortization expense - business-type activities	\$	<u>12,270</u>

**Construction in Progress and Capital Projects Commitments**

Construction in progress for governmental activities represents work being performed on Fire Protection District projects, infrastructure, Watershed Protection District projects, Information Technology Services projects, and a number of smaller projects. Construction in progress for the business-type activities represents work being performed on the Medical Center and Clinics, Waterworks District projects, Harbor Department projects, and information technology projects.

Construction in progress and capital projects commitments as of June 30, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

	Construction in Progress	Additional Committed Funds
Governmental activities	\$ 80,903	\$ 10,078
Business-type activities:		
Medical Center	\$ 22,098	\$ 22,047
Department of Airports	148	480
Waterworks Districts	12,054	5,802
Parks Department	475	102
Channel Islands Harbor	9,469	239
Ventura County Health Care Plan	1,754	-
Total business-type activities	\$ 45,998	\$ 28,670

Long-term commitments for infrastructure construction contracts totaled \$7,454,741 (principally for road and watershed protection projects) at June 30, 2012.



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Rental expense for County-wide operating leases was \$28,859,000 for the year ended June 30, 2012. Contingent rental revenues under operating leases are based on percentages of lessee sales and totaled approximately \$825,156 for the year ended June 30, 2012.

The Channel Islands Harbor, Parks Department, and Department of Airports Enterprise funds lease properties to others under operating leases with terms of up to 88 years. The following is a summary of future minimum rental revenues on noncancelable leases at June 30, 2012 (in thousands):

Year ending June 30:	Amounts
2013	\$ 6,368
2014	6,270
2015	6,181
2016	5,957
2017	5,321
2018-2022	21,038
2023-2027	17,725
2028-2032	14,154
2033-2037	10,905
2038-2042	9,501
2043-2047	8,133
2048-2052	6,080
2053-2057	3,423
2058-2062	1,437
2063-2067	859
2068-2072	859
2073-2077	859
2078-2082	859
2083-2087	859
2088-2092	859
2093-2097	859
2098-2100	429
Total	\$ 128,935

**Capital Leases**

The County has entered into certain capital lease agreements under which the related property will become owned by the County when all terms of the lease agreements are met. There were no capital leases in the governmental activities.

The following is a schedule of property leased under capital leases by major class in the business-type activities at June 30, 2012 (in thousands):

	Business-type Activities
Structures and improvements	\$ 759
Equipment	2,265
Less: Accumulated amortization	(1,859)
Total net of amortization	\$ 1,165

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As of June 30, 2012, capital lease annual amortization in the business-type activities is as follows (in thousands):

Year ending June 30:	Business-type Activities
2013	\$ 459
2014	40
Total requirements	499
Less: amount representing interest	(39)
Present value of remaining payments	\$ 460

**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term obligations of the County consist of certificates of participation, tax-exempt commercial paper, loans payable, capital leases, compensated absences, and other liabilities. Capitalized lease obligations are described further in Note 8.

Certificates of participation (COPs) are obligations of a public entity based on a lease agreement and are paid by lease payments from County departments/funds for use of the facilities or equipment constructed or purchased from the debt proceeds. Tax-exempt commercial paper (TECP) is unsecured short-term promissory notes issued with maturities ranging from 2 to 270 days.

The Public Facilities Corporation (PFC) provided five separate issues of debt securities. The last remaining PFC issue, PFC V, was defeased on July 15, 2009, in part with proceeds from a new Public Financing Authority issue, PFA III. The PFC was dissolved in fiscal year 2010-11.

The Public Financing Authority (PFA) was formed in August of 1998. TECP is used for the acquisition and renovation of facilities and the acquisition and upgrade of information systems. Current projects include the Radio Network and Microwave Towers, the Human Resources/Payroll System Upgrade, the Current Land Records Management & Permit Processing/Tracking System, Design and Construction Work for the Build Out and Remodel of Vacant Space in the County-Owned Building Located at 2220 East Gonzales Road, and the Purchase of Building "A" of the Ruben Castro Human Services Center.

On October 30, 2003, the PFA issued \$27,110,000 of 2003 Certificates of Participation (PFA II COPs) used to finance the building at 2220 Gonzales Road and construction of a Juvenile Justice Complex Court Facility located at the Juvenile Justice Detention Facility.

On July 14, 2009, the PFA issued \$89,720,000 of 2009 Certificates of Participation (PFA III COPs) used to currently refund PFC V, PFA I, reimburse advances from TECP for the Fillmore office building, the VCMC clinic and its continuing construction costs.

Compensated absences are liabilities for vacation, vested sick leave benefits, and compensatory time reported as required by GASB Statement Nos. 16 and 34 in the proprietary fund financial statements and the governmental and business-type activities of the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only if they have matured due to employee resignations and retirements. Governmental fund liabilities are typically liquidated in the General Fund and certain special revenue funds.

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Other liabilities include the liability for the Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks (LUFT) obligation for the Department of Airports; medical malpractice insurance claims incurred but not reported (tail coverage) for General Fund health departments and the Medical Center; the net pension obligation relating to the Management Retiree Health Benefit; the net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) obligation; claims liabilities relating to the self-insurance of certain risks in the General Insurance and Employee Benefit Insurance Internal Service Funds and the Health Care Plan.

The County is responsible for clean-up of LUFT on County property. Currently, the County manages one active site: the Condor Helicopter site at Oxnard Airport.

The methods and assumptions used to calculate the liability for pollution remediation obligations are based on the expected cash flow technique, using three data points. The expected outlay calculations are provided by the County's consultant, who has been contracted by the County since the early 1990's. Measures for the outlays are based on current values, and incorporate liabilities, profits and risk premiums expected to be charged by the consultant. The pollution remediation obligation is an estimate and subject to changes resulting from price increases, changes in technology or changes in applicable laws.

Recoveries for remediation are available through state and federal grant programs and are recorded as an asset as they become realizable.

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Summaries of long-term indebtedness and liabilities incurred by the governmental and business-type activities, outstanding as of June 30, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

Type of indebtedness/liabilities	Maturity	Interest Rates	Original Issue Amount
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			
<i>Certificates of Participation/Lease Revenue:</i>			
Public Financing Authority II (net of premiums/discounts)	08/15/12-08/15/19	2.50 - 5.25%	\$ 27,110
<i>Public Financing Authority III:</i>			
General Fund (net of premiums and loss on lease)	08/15/12-08/15/29	3.00 - 6.00%	20,663
General Services Agency - Facilities	08/15/12-08/15/29	3.00 - 6.00%	<u>1,845</u>
Total Certificates of Participation/Lease Revenue			<u>49,618</u>
<i>Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper:</i>			
<i>Public Financing Authority:</i>			
General Fund	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	34,537
Transportation	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	300
Information Technology Services			
- Telecommunications	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	8,739
- Information Systems	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	397
JJC Traffic Signal	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	<u>250</u>
Total Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper			<u>44,223</u>
<i>Loans Payable:</i>			
County Service Areas - 34 El Rio (SWRCB 09)	06/30/13-06/30/40	2.60%	6,869
County Service Areas - 34 El Rio (SWRCB 10)	06/23/13-06/23/41	1.0%	4,564
Redevelopment Agency - Piru (CDBG)	N/A	N/A	150
Redevelopment Agency - Piru (USDA #1)	07/01/12-07/01/17	4.75%	750
Redevelopment Agency - Piru (USDA #2)	07/01/12-07/01/38	4.125%	<u>750</u>
Total Loans Payable			<u>13,083</u>
<i>Compensated Absences Liability</i>	N/A	N/A	<u>-</u>
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>			
LUFT - (Transportation)	N/A	N/A	-
LUFT - (Fire Protection District)	N/A	N/A	-
Medical malpractice (General Fund)	N/A	N/A	-
Net Pension Obligation (Mgmt Retiree Health Benefit)	N/A	N/A	-
Net Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)	N/A	N/A	-
Claims liabilities (General Insurance and Employee Benefit Insurance)	N/A	N/A	<u>-</u>
Total Other Liabilities			<u>-</u>
Total Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 106,924</u>

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Outstanding July 1, 2011	Additions and Transfers	Maturities and Transfers	Outstanding June 30, 2012	Amount Due Within One Year	Type of indebtedness/liabilities
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<i>Certificates of Participation/Lease Revenue:</i>					
\$ 17,509	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 15,759	\$ 1,815	Public Financing Authority II (net of premiums/discounts)
18,870	-	2,289	16,581	2,063	Public Financing Authority III:
1,570	-	265	1,305	238	General Fund (net of premiums and loss on lease)
37,949	-	4,304	33,645	4,116	General Services Agency-Facilities
					Total Certificates of Participation/Lease Revenue
<i>Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper:</i>					
					Public Financing Authority:
8,166	11,983	3,684	16,465	1,940	General Fund
260	-	19	241	18	Transportation
10,379	1,197	836	10,740	883	Information Technology Services
200	-	100	100	100	- Telecommunications
216	-	35	181	35	- Information Systems
19,221	13,180	4,674	27,727	2,976	JJC Traffic Signal
					Total Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper
<i>Loans Payable:</i>					
6,537	-	154	6,383	158	County Service Areas - 34 El Rio (SWRCB 09)
1,427	3,105	141	4,391	131	County Service Areas - 34 El Rio (SWRCB 10)
18	-	18	-	-	Redevelopment Agency - Piru (CDBG)
412	-	412	-	-	Redevelopment Agency - Piru (USDA #1)
723	-	723	-	-	Redevelopment Agency - Piru (USDA #2)
9,117	3,105	1,448	10,774	289	Total Loans Payable
60,786	32,173	31,311	61,648	31,836	<i>Compensated Absences Liability</i>
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>					
150	-	150	-	-	LUFT - (Transportation)
14	-	14	-	-	LUFT - (Fire Protection District)
548	-	23	525	93	Medical malpractice (General Fund)
670	81	-	751	-	Net Pension Obligation (Mgmt Retiree Health Benefit)
2,918	428	-	3,346	-	Net Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)
148,530	25,877	27,577	146,830	25,626	Claims liabilities (General Insurance and Employee Benefit Insurance)
152,830	26,386	27,764	151,452	25,719	Total Other Liabilities
<u>\$ 279,903</u>	<u>\$ 74,844</u>	<u>\$ 69,501</u>	<u>\$ 285,246</u>	<u>\$ 64,936</u>	Total Governmental Activities

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Type of indebtedness/liabilities	Maturity	Interest Rates	Original Issue Amount
<b>Business-type Activities - Major Funds:</b>			
<i>Medical Center:</i>			
Public Financing Authority III (net of deferred credit)	08/15/12 - 08/15/29	3.00 - 6.00%	\$ 67,130
Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	3,753
Capital Lease Obligation - PACS	Monthly to 10/13	3.44%	<u>2,214</u>
Total Medical Center			<u>73,097</u>
<i>Department of Airports:</i>			
Department of Transportation Loan	08/13/12-08/13/15	4.987%	240
Department of Transportation Loan	05/13/13-05/13/14	4.635%	<u>260</u>
Total Department of Airports			<u>500</u>
<i>Waterworks Districts:</i>			
State Water Loan	04/01/13-04/01/15	3.371%	260
Revolving Fund Loan (Maximum Commitment of \$1,769)	06/11/13-06/11/23	2.40%	1,364
Revolving Fund Loan (Maximum Commitment of \$5,555)	07/01/12 - 07/01/40	1.00%	<u>3,532</u>
Total Waterworks Districts			<u>5,156</u>
<b>Business-type Activities - Non-major Funds:</b>			
<i>Parks Department:</i>			
Capital Lease Obligation	Monthly to 02/13	4.75%	<u>311</u>
<i>Channel Islands Harbor:</i>			
Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper Harbor Revetment Project	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	5,000
Public Financing Authority III - Fuel Dock	08/15/12 - 08/15/29	3.00 - 6.00%	<u>82</u>
Total Channel Islands Harbor			<u>5,082</u>
<i>Oak View District:</i>			
Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper	Rolling	0.15 - 0.21%	<u>1,200</u>
<i>Compensated Absences Liability</i>	N/A	N/A	<u>-</u>
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>			
LUFT - (Department of Airports)	N/A	N/A	-
Claims liabilities (Health Care Plan)	N/A	N/A	-
Medical malpractice (Medical Center)	N/A	N/A	<u>-</u>
Total Other Liabilities			<u>-</u>
Total Business-type Activities			<u>\$ 85,346</u>

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Outstanding July 1, 2011	Additions and Transfers	Maturities and Transfers	Outstanding June 30, 2012	Amount Due Within One Year	Type of indebtedness/liabilities
<b>Business-type Activities - Major Funds:</b>					
<i>Medical Center:</i>					
\$ 65,491	\$ -	\$ 3,683	\$ 61,808	\$ 3,670	Public Financing Authority III (net of deferred credit)
1,308	2,220	120	3,408	246	Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper
883	-	431	452	415	Capital Lease Obligation - PACS
<u>67,682</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>65,668</u>	<u>4,331</u>	Total Medical Center
<i>Department of Airports:</i>					
88	-	18	70	19	Department of Transportation Loan
65	-	24	41	25	Department of Transportation Loan
<u>153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>44</u>	Total Department of Airports
<i>Waterworks Districts:</i>					
58	-	14	44	14	State Water Loan
907	-	66	841	68	Revolving Fund Loan (Maximum Commitment of \$1,769)
4,999	416	147	5,268	160	Revolving Fund Loan (Maximum Commitment of \$5,555)
<u>5,964</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>242</u>	Total Waterworks Districts
<b>Business-type Activities - Non-major Funds:</b>					
<i>Parks Department:</i>					
<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	Capital Lease Obligation
<i>Channel Islands Harbor:</i>					
4,433	-	167	4,266	399	Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper Harbor Revetment Project
63	-	20	43	21	Public Financing Authority III - Fuel Dock
<u>4,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>4,309</u>	<u>420</u>	Total Channel Islands Harbor
<i>Oak View District:</i>					
838	-	39	799	35	Public Financing Authority/Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper
<u>7,118</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>4,343</u>	<u>7,559</u>	<u>4,487</u>	<i>Compensated Absences Liability</i>
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>					
180	-	80	100	40	LUFT - (Department of Airports)
7,241	46,237	46,256	7,222	7,222	Claims liabilities (Health Care Plan)
4,420	-	187	4,233	-	Medical malpractice (Medical Center)
<u>11,841</u>	<u>46,237</u>	<u>46,523</u>	<u>11,555</u>	<u>7,262</u>	Total Other Liabilities
<u>\$ 98,112</u>	<u>\$ 53,657</u>	<u>\$ 55,607</u>	<u>\$ 96,162</u>	<u>\$ 16,829</u>	Total Business-type Activities

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As of June 30, 2012, annual debt service requirements of governmental activities to maturity are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending June 30:	Certificates of Participation		Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper		Loans Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2013	\$ 4,047	\$ 1,472	\$ 2,976	\$ 416	\$ 289	\$ 210
2014	4,216	1,290	2,922	371	295	205
2015	4,257	1,106	2,964	328	300	199
2016	4,435	916	2,886	283	305	193
2017	4,632	699	2,535	239	312	188
2018-2022	9,005	1,413	8,858	718	1,648	846
2023-2027	2,270	182	4,586	163	1,812	680
2028-2032	-	-	-	-	1,998	497
2033-2037	-	-	-	-	2,208	289
2038-2042	-	-	-	-	1,607	65
Total requirements	32,862	\$ 7,078	\$ 27,727	\$ 2,518	\$ 10,774	\$ 3,372
Bond premium		1,147				
Bond discount		(52)				
Deferred loss on refunding		(312)				
Total		\$ 33,645				

Interest payments and certificate of participation retirements are serviced by revenues generated from lease payments made by the General Fund on leased facilities.

As of June 30, 2012, annual debt service requirements of business-type activities for major funds and non-major funds to maturity are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ending June 30:	MEDICAL CENTER				DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS		WATERWORKS DISTRICTS	
	Certificates of Participation		Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper		Loans Payable		Loans Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2013	\$ 3,282	\$ 3,082	\$ 246	\$ 51	\$ 44	\$ 5	\$ 242	\$ 72
2014	3,432	2,921	250	47	36	4	242	71
2015	3,162	2,768	254	44	20	2	247	67
2016	3,294	2,619	257	40	11	1	235	63
2017	3,463	2,453	261	36	-	-	238	60
2018-2022	13,675	10,186	1,264	120	-	-	1,244	246
2023-2027	17,515	6,225	876	39	-	-	973	165
2028-2032	13,010	1,147	-	-	-	-	932	118
2033-2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	980	71
2038-2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	820	21
Total requirements	60,833	\$ 31,401	\$ 3,408	\$ 377	\$ 111	\$ 12	\$ 6,153	\$ 954
Deferred credit on refunding		975						
Total		\$ 61,808						

  

Year Ending June 30:	NON-MAJOR FUNDS			
	Certificates of Participation		Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2013	\$ 21	\$ 1	\$ 434	\$ 76
2014	22	1	440	70
2015	-	-	446	63
2016	-	-	453	56
2017	-	-	460	50
2018-2022	-	-	2,832	141
Total requirements	\$ 43	\$ 2	\$ 5,065	\$ 456

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**Legal Debt Limit**

The County's legal annual debt limit as of June 30, 2012, is approximately \$1,316,049,000. The County's legal debt limit is set by statute at 1.25 percent of total assessed valuation. The general obligation bonded debt per capita is \$0.00. Certificates of participation (COPs), TECP, and loans payable subject to the debt limit total \$148,734,000 at June 30, 2012.

**Arbitrage**

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Sections 103 and 141 through 150, restricts the amount of interest earnings an issuer of tax-exempt issuances can earn on the proceeds. The interest earnings rate cannot exceed the yield on the tax-exempt COPs.

Management believes that as of June 30, 2012, there is no arbitrage liability. The activities of tax-exempt debt issues will continue to be monitored and appropriate analysis made to determine any future obligation.

**Special Assessment Debt**

As of June 30, 2012, tax-exempt commercial paper was outstanding in the amount of \$799,000 for the Oak View School Preservation and Maintenance District (Oak View District). On August 2, 2002, the Oak View District was formed to purchase and rehabilitate the Oak View School for a community park and family resource center. The initial funding was provided by a loan from tax-exempt commercial paper partially offset by grant funds. The cost of debt payments over the thirty year period and operations will be paid solely from benefit assessments.

The County acts as an agent for the property owners in collecting assessments for the Oak View District and initiating foreclosure proceedings, if appropriate. The County directly administers the Oak View School project and the related PFA debt; therefore, the debt, along with other PFA issued County debt, is included in the accompanying financial statements.

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**NOTE 10 - NET ASSETS/FUND BALANCES**

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements utilize a net assets presentation. Net assets are categorized as invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted, and unrestricted.

- *Invested In Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt* – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net assets. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.
- *Restricted Net Assets (RNA)* – This category reflects net assets that are subject to constraints either by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At June 30, 2012, restricted net assets for governmental activities were \$324,859,000, of which \$297,670,000, was restricted by enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted Net Assets* – This category represents net assets of the County not restricted for any project or other purpose. Outstanding liabilities attributable to these assets reduce the balance of this category.

**Fund Statement - Fund Balances**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent.

*Nonspendable fund balance* - includes amounts that are (a) not in spendable form, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories or prepaid amounts and may also include the long-term receivables.

*Restricted fund balance* - includes amounts with constraints on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed fund balance* – includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by the highest form of decision-making authority, an Ordinance, of the highest level of decision-making authority, the County Board of Supervisors. Commitments may be changed only by the County taking the same formal action, amending or repealing the ordinance, that originally imposed the constraint.

*Assigned fund balance* – includes amounts that are constrained by the County’s intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be expressed by either the highest level of decision making, or by a body or an official to which the Board has delegated the authority. This is also the classification for residual amounts in governmental funds, other than the General Fund.

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*Unassigned fund balance* – is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

At June 30, 2012, fund balance for governmental funds is made up of the following (in thousands):

<b>Fund Balances</b>	General Fund	Roads	Watershed Protection Districts	Fire Protection District	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total
<b>Nonspendable:</b>						
Inventory and prepaid amounts	\$ 4,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,412	\$ 56	\$ 5,599
Permanent fund principal	-	-	-	-	1,133	1,133
Long-term loans and notes receivable	2,394	-	-	-	-	2,394
<b>Restricted for:</b>						
General government	29,426	-	-	-	-	29,426
Public protection	34,310	-	50,759	81,197	4,145	170,411
Public ways and facilities	-	37,709	-	-	-	37,709
Health and sanitation services	17,135	-	-	-	33,339	50,474
Public assistance	1,196	-	-	-	76	1,272
Education	-	-	-	-	1,557	1,557
Debt service	-	-	-	-	5,506	5,506
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	9,865	9,865
MHSA prudent reserve	-	-	-	-	9,339	9,339
<b>Committed to:</b>						
General government	278	-	-	-	-	278
Public protection	2,859	-	96	971	1,146	5,072
Public ways and facilities	-	21,880	-	-	-	21,880
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	5	5
<b>Assigned to:</b>						
General government	6,515	-	-	-	-	6,515
Public protection	8,286	-	1,451	-	70	9,807
Public ways and facilities	-	1,220	-	-	-	1,220
Health and sanitation services	4,024	-	-	-	-	4,024
Public assistance	5,626	-	-	-	-	5,626
Education	-	-	-	-	4,426	4,426
<b>Unassigned</b>	<u>133,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133,437</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 249,617</u>	<u>\$ 60,809</u>	<u>\$ 52,306</u>	<u>\$ 83,580</u>	<u>\$ 70,663</u>	<u>\$ 516,975</u>

When restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) resources are available, restricted resources are generally considered to be used first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned resources as they are needed.

**NOTE 11 - MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS**

The Medical Center provides services to eligible patients under Medi-Cal and Medicare programs. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the Medi-Cal and Medicare programs represented approximately 58 percent of the Medical Center's net revenue.

Medi-Cal inpatient services are reimbursed through the guidelines and methodology covered under California's Section 1115 Medi-Cal Hospital/Uninsured Care Demonstration (SB1100). The interim hospital per diem rates were computed based on the hospital's cost report data, supplemental worksheets,

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and supporting documentation that were designed by the Department of Health Care Services and are subject to reconciliation based on the filed and reconciled Medi-Cal 2552-96 cost report. Medi-Cal outpatient services are reimbursed under a schedule of maximum allowances and additional supplemental funding through AB915 for uncompensated costs.

Medicare inpatient services are reimbursed based upon pre-established rates for diagnostic-related groups. Medicare outpatient services and certain defined capital and medical education costs related to Medicare beneficiaries are paid based on a cost-reimbursement methodology. Final reimbursement is determined as a result of audits by the intermediary of annual cost reports submitted by the Medical Center. Reports on the results of such audits have been received through June 30, 2007, for Medicare and June 30, 2009, for Medi-Cal. Adjustments as a result of such audits are recorded in the year the amounts can be determined.

In addition, for the Medicare and Medi-Cal programs, the Medical Center has established liability reserves in the aggregate amount of \$11,776,000, for settlement included in the line item "Accrued Liabilities" for cost report settlement reserves covering the period from fiscal year 2005-06 through fiscal year 2011-12. In accordance with SB1100, the Medical Center receives an interim per diem payment in Medi-Cal revenue under Fee-for-Service program (FFS), Disproportionate Share Hospital program (DSH), and Safety Net Care Pool program (SNCP). This also covers the annual grant amount for the Health Care Coverage Initiative Program, a competitive grant designed as a demonstration project to provide health coverage for the qualified uninsured patients. The amount received/allocated to the Medical Center is based on the state budget and the financial performance of the designated public hospitals statewide. Accordingly, the amounts allocated to the Medical Center for any of the specific programs are subject to revision and reconciliation by the State. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the Medical Center has recorded \$100,761,000 of DSH, SNCP and supplemental revenues. Medi-Cal revenue represented 38.98 percent of the net revenue.

**NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS**

**VCERA Plan**

*(a) Plan Description*

The County has a contributory defined benefit plan (Plan) established pursuant to Government Code Sections 31450 through 31899 and administered by the VCERA. VCERA operates a cost-sharing, multiple-employer system with substantially all member employers included in the County's primary government reporting entity. Covered employees include those from Courts, Air Pollution Control District and other smaller special districts. Due to the relative insignificance of the non-County employers participating in the plan, the County has elected to include financial statement disclosures required for a single-employer plan. The information presented is for all VCERA participants and includes non-County participants. Membership in the VCERA is mandatory for all regular employees who are scheduled to work 64 hours or more biweekly.

VCERA is governed by the Board of Retirement. The Plan's benefit provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by state law and resolutions and ordinances adopted by the Board of Retirement and Board of Supervisors. VCERA issues an independently audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting the Retirement Association at 1190 South Victoria Avenue, Suite 200, Ventura, California, 93003.

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Plan members are classified as either General or Safety. General members employed prior to or on June 29, 1979, and certain other employees before June 30, 2002, are designated as Tier I members. General members employed after June 29, 1979, are designated as Tier II members. All Safety members are classified as Tier I regardless of date of hire and primarily include eligible Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, District Attorney, and Probation employees.

*(b) Retirement Benefits*

A General or Safety member with 10 or more years of County service is entitled to an annual retirement allowance beginning at age 50. General members with 30 or more years of service and Safety members with 20 or more years of service may begin receiving a retirement allowance regardless of age. The basic retirement allowance is based upon the member's age, years of retirement service credit, and final average compensation.

Employees terminating before accruing 5 years of retirement service credit (5-year vesting) forfeit the right to receive retirement benefits unless they establish reciprocity with another public agency within the prescribed time period. Non-vested employees who terminate service are entitled to withdraw their accumulated contributions plus accrued interest. Employees who terminate service after earning 5 years of retirement service credit may leave their contributions on deposit and elect to take a deferred retirement. In addition, certain death, disability, and supplemental benefits are provided to eligible employees. Cost of living adjustments of up to three percent per annum are made for all Tier I employees.

*(c) Actuarially Determined Contribution Requirements*

The funding policy provides for periodic employer and employee contributions at actuarially determined rates, expressed as level percentages of annual covered payroll, that are sufficient to accumulate the required assets to pay benefits when due. The smoothing of market value method is used to determine the actuarial value of assets. In accordance with various employee collective bargaining agreements, the County subsidizes the employees' regular contributions in various amounts, depending on the classification of the employee. Contribution rates for employees range from 5.57 percent to 12.10 percent of covered payroll. Contribution rates are determined using the "entry age normal cost" method. Under this method, normal cost is the level amount that would fund the projected benefit if it was paid annually from the date of employment until retirement.

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Employer and employee contribution rates in effect during fiscal year 2011-12 were based on the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2010. The significant actuarial assumptions in the June 30, 2010, actuarial valuation are summarized as follows:

	Assumptions
• Rate of return on investment	8.00%
• Projected salary increases	5.00% - 13.25%
Amount attributable to inflation	3.50%
Amount attributable to merit and longevity	0.75% - 9.00%
Amount attributable to real "across the board"	0.75%
• Annual cost of living increases after retirement (Tier 1 and Safety members - contingent upon CPI increases, 3% maximum. Tier 2 SEIU members - fixed 2% not subject to CPI increases, for service after March 2003.)	0.00% - 3.00%

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll on a closed basis.

*(d) Contributions and Transfers Made*

As a condition of participation, employees are required to contribute a percentage of their annual compensation to the Plan. The balance of member contributions, General and Safety, on deposit at June 30, 2012, was \$569,892,000. The County's contribution to the Plan, based on actuarially determined percentages of payroll costs, together with employees' contributions, are intended to provide the defined benefits of the Plan. The balance of employer contributions on deposit at June 30, 2012, were \$766,998,000.

Actuarially determined employer contributions of \$97,324,000 were made in 2009-10, \$111,585,000 in 2010-11, and \$132,386,000 in 2011-12. These contributions represent 100 percent of the annual pension cost required for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Therefore, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 27, there is no net pension obligation for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012.

The County also made other employer contributions. Payments were made on behalf of employees as a result of employer-employee negotiations for fiscal years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12, in the amounts of \$8,379,000, \$8,469,000, and \$8,387,000, respectively. The negotiated amounts are credited to the County Advance Reserves of VCERA and do not vest with the employee.

The employees contributed \$31,546,000, including \$1,069,000, for the purchase of service credits in fiscal year 2011-12. In addition, the County contributed \$11,333,000 on behalf of the employees as a "pickup" of employee contributions as a result of the employer-employee negotiations. This was credited to the individual employee accounts.

*(e) Funded Status and Funding Progress*

As of June 30, 2011, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 80.6 percent funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$3,995,352,000 and the actuarial value of assets was \$3,220,388,000, resulting in a UAAL of \$774,964,000. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$637,037,000, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 121.7 percent.

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**Supplemental Retirement Plan**

*(a) Plan Description*

The SRP is a single employer contributory defined benefit pension plan governed by the Board of Supervisors and provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 401. The SRP was adopted on January 1, 1992, and amended on the following dates: August 31, 1993, April 2001, June 8, 2004, May 17, 2005, and July 10, 2007. SRP is comprised of three parts as follows:

- Part B - Safe Harbor. This plan was adopted on January 1, 1992, and provides benefits to County employees whose employment with the County does not otherwise entitle them to retirement benefits under the County's 1937 Act Retirement Plan or the Social Security Act and is in compliance with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. Eligible employees are vested upon enrollment.
- Part C - Early Retirement Incentive. This plan was adopted effective on January 1, 1992, and provides early retirement benefits to County employees pursuant to periodic early retirement incentive programs adopted by the County and is a tax qualified pension plan under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a).
- Part D - Elected Department Head. This plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors effective on December 1, 2000, and provides a supplemental retirement benefit to the County's elected department heads for retirement parity with appointed agency/department heads. The plan was amended on June 8, 2004, limiting eligible participants to those employees in an elected department head position between December 1, 2000, and June 8, 2004.

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The plan year of the SRP is the County's fiscal year. A separate financial statement is not issued by SRP. The schedule of funding progress and schedule of employer contributions are included in the Required Supplementary Information section of this report. The actuarial covered payroll for all employees covered by SRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was \$13,589,000 and \$548,000 for Parts B and D, respectively, based on the actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2012. In lieu of separately issued financial statements for the SRP, condensed financial statements are presented below (in thousands):

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets

Cash and other current assets	\$ 12,998
Total assets	12,998
Accounts Payable	20
Amount due to other governmental agencies	12
Total liabilities	32
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits	\$ 12,966

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets

Contributions	\$ 1,638
Net investment income	366
Total additions	2,004
Total deductions	1,021
Change in net assets	983
Net assets - beginning	11,983
Net assets - ending	\$ 12,966

Plan participants at June 30, 2012 were as follows:

<u>Participant Classification</u>	<u>Number of Participants</u>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:	
Supplemental retirement participants (Safe Harbor)	245
Early retirement participants (Early Retirement Incentive Plan)	38
Elected department head participants	6
Current employees participants:	
Supplemental retirement participants (Safe Harbor)	706
Elected department head participants	3
Terminated participants not yet receiving benefits:	
Supplemental retirement participants (Safe Harbor)	9,041
Total	10,039

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*(b) Basis of Accounting*

The preceding condensed financial statements were prepared on the accrual basis. Investment income is recognized when earned, and investment and administrative expenses are recorded when incurred. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which employee services are performed and are due under the terms of the plan. Benefit payments and participant refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

*(c) Benefits*

- Part B - Safe Harbor. The participant's monthly benefit or lump sum benefit is based on the total amount of compensation for the period of the participant's benefit accrual service for the last 30 years of participation. The participant is entitled to the benefit at the later of age 65 or the termination of employment. The benefit will be payable as a single life annuity or, if the actuarial present value of the accrued benefit is not more than \$5,000, a one-time lump sum amount will be paid in lieu of the monthly benefit. If the participant dies before retirement benefits begin, the participant's beneficiary will be entitled to receive a lump-sum death benefit payment. In May 2005, the plan was amended to allow participants to receive an actuarially reduced benefit beginning at age 50, if terminated from County employment. Also in May 2005, the plan was amended to allow participants, upon retirement, to elect a joint and survivor annuity option in which the annuity benefit will continue to the surviving spouse upon the death of the retiree.
- Part C - Early Retirement Incentive. The benefit is a monthly retirement benefit payable to the participant for life. Upon the death of the participant, the monthly retirement benefit shall be paid to the participant's surviving spouse, if any, for life.
- Part D - Elected Department Head. The benefit is a supplemental monthly retirement benefit payable to the participant for life. Upon the death of the participant, the monthly retirement benefit shall be paid to the surviving spouse for life, depending on the retirement payment option selected.

*(d) Actuarially Determined Contribution Requirement*

The funding policy provides for periodic employer and employee contributions at actuarially determined rates expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll that are sufficient to accumulate the required assets to pay benefits when due. The actuarial cost method is Entry Age Normal for Parts B and D and is not applicable to Part C. The amortization method used is Level Percentage of Pay for Parts B and D and Level Dollar Amount for Part C, on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period is 13-15 years for Part B, 13 years for Part D and 8 years for Part C. A 5-Year Smoothed Market Value is the method used for asset valuation. The significant actuarial assumptions in the June 30, 2012, actuarial valuation are summarized as follows:

	Assumptions
• Rate of return on investment	7.75% net of expense
• Projected salary increases	4.00% for Part B and 4.50% for Part D; not applicable for Part C
Amount attributable to inflation	3.25% for Parts B, C and D
• Annual cost of living increases after retirement	3.00% for Part D; none for Parts B and C
• Mortality	RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table for Parts B, C and D

The schedule of employer contributions is presented in the Required Supplementary Information section of this report.

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*(e) Contributions, Annual Pension Cost, and Net Pension Obligation*

- Part B - Safe Harbor. Each participant contributes three percent of compensation to the plan on a pre-tax basis. Employee contributions cease upon attainment of 30 years of Benefit Accrual Service. The balance of participant contributions at fair value on deposit at June 30, 2012, was \$5,126,000.
- Part C - Early Retirement Incentive. This benefit is funded solely by employer contributions.
- Part D - Elected Department Heads. This benefit is funded solely by employer contributions.

A schedule of annual pension cost, percent of annual pension cost contributed, and net pension obligation for the current and preceding two fiscal years is presented below for Parts B, C, and D (in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percent of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation	Part
2010	\$ (136)	100%	\$ -	B
2011	756	100%	-	B
2012	1,058	100%	-	B
2010	(4)	100%	-	C
2011	44	100%	-	C
2012	47	100%	-	C
2010	102	100%	-	D
2011	182	100%	-	D
2012	165	100%	-	D

Actuarially determined combined employer contributions for all parts of \$577,000 were made in 2009-10, \$982,000 in 2010-11 and \$1,270,000 in 2011-12.

*(f) Administrative Expenses*

The costs of administration of the Plan shall be paid from the Plan, as long as the expenses are considered reasonable by the Plan Administrator. Such expenses shall include, but are not limited to, expenses for professional, legal, accounting, actuarial, and investment services. Administrative expenses for fiscal year 2011-12 totaled \$284,000.

*(g) Funded Status and Funding Progress*

The following is the funded status information for each part as of June 30, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date (in thousands):

Part	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Annual Covered Payroll (c)	Unfunded AAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
B	\$ 11,940	\$ 19,188	\$ 7,248	62.2 %	\$ 13,589	53.3 %
C	236	586	350	40.3 %	N/A	N/A
D	932	2,722	1,790	34.2 %	548	326.6 %

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The schedule of funding progress is presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements. The schedule presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

**Management Retiree Health Benefits Program**

*(a) Plan Description*

The Management Retiree Health Benefits Program is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the County of Ventura. Substantially all participants are included in the County’s primary government reporting entity. Due to the relative insignificance of the non-County employers participating in the plan, the County has elected to include financial statement disclosures required for a single-employer plan. The information presented is for all participants and includes non-County participants.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 8, 1999, employees covered by the Management Resolution who retired after July 1, 1999, became eligible to receive one year of payments for five years of service, up to a maximum of five years of coverage. Payments of approximately \$649 per month were equivalent to premiums for the Ventura County Health Care Plan. Total payments in fiscal year 2011-12 were \$1,384,000. The payments do not constitute any guarantee of medical care benefits. On June 21, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the elimination of this benefit for employees covered after July 2, 2005.

A separate financial statement is not issued for the plan. The schedule of funding progress is included in the required supplementary information section of this report.

*(b) Funding Policy*

The County currently funds the management retiree health benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

*(c) Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation*

For 2011-12, the annual pension cost consists of the annual required contribution plus interest on the net pension obligation less the adjustment to the annual required contribution as presented below (in thousands):

Annual required contribution	\$ 1,474
Interest on the net pension obligation	37
Adjustment to the annual required contribution	<u>(46)</u>
Annual pension cost	1,465
Contributions made	<u>(1,384)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net pension obligation	81
Net pension obligation - beginning	<u>670</u>
Net pension obligation - ending	<u>\$ 751</u>

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The County's annual pension cost, the percentage of annual pension cost contributed to the plan, and the net pension obligation for the current and the preceding two fiscal years were as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percent of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
2010	\$ 1,615	74.9 %	\$ 413
2011	1,546	83.4 %	670
2012	1,465	94.5 %	751

*(d) Funded Status and Funding Progress*

As of June 30, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the UAAL was \$14,665,000. The annual covered payroll for all employees covered by the Management Retiree Health Benefits Program is \$44,908,000, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 32.7 percent.

The schedule of funding progress is presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements. This schedule presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

*(e) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions*

In the County's June 30, 2012, actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 5.25 percent investment rate of return, based on the rate of return over time of the County's Investment Pool since the plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, projected salary increases of 4.0 percent, and inflation rates that start at 7.5 percent and decline to 5.0 percent over 6 years. The UAAL is being amortized as a level dollar amount on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2012, was 30 years.

**Replacement Benefit Plan**

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415(b) limits the maximum annual amount that a defined benefit plan can pay to any individual. The Replacement Benefit Plan, a qualified IRC 415(m) plan, provides annual retirement benefits earned in excess of Section 415(b) limits.

The plan is administered by the County. Participation is limited to retired members whose benefit payments are limited by Section 415(b). No assets directly or indirectly relating to this plan are held in trust or otherwise held or set aside for the exclusive benefit of participants or their beneficiaries. As of June 30, 2012, there was one participant in the plan.

**NOTE 13 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**Subsidized Retiree Health Benefits Program**

*(a) Plan Description*

The Subsidized Retiree Health Benefits Program is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the County of Ventura. Substantially all participants are included in the County's

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primary government reporting entity. Due to the relative insignificance of the non-County employers participating in the plan, the County has elected to include financial statement disclosures required for a single-employer plan. The information presented is for all participants and includes non-County participants.

Eligible employees (age 50 with 10 years of County Service) who retire from the County may receive health benefits at subsidized rates. For coverage prior to age 65, the retiree pays premiums that are developed by blending active and retiree costs. Since retirees are older and generally cost more to insure than active employees, the premium paid by the retiree is less than the “true cost” of coverage for retirees thus creating an implicit subsidy. This implicit subsidy is considered an obligation under GASB 45.

The plan is governed by the County Board of Supervisors. The County has made no commitments to maintain this program and retirees’ participation in the program is approved on a year-to-year basis by the Board. Retiree Health Benefits are not vested and may be modified or eliminated at anytime.

A separate financial statement is not issued for the plan. The schedule of funding progress is included in the Required Supplementary Information section of this report.

*(b) Funding Policy*

The County currently funds postemployment health benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

*(c) Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation*

For 2011-12, the annual OPEB cost consists of the annual required contribution plus interest on the net OPEB obligation less the adjustment to the annual required contribution as presented below (in thousands):

Annual required contribution	\$ 1,558
Interest on the net OPEB obligation	161
Adjustment to the annual required contribution	<u>(105)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	1,614
Contributions made	<u>(1,186)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation	428
Net OPEB obligation - beginning	<u>2,918</u>
Net OPEB obligation - ending	<u>\$ 3,346</u>

The County’s annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the current and the preceding two fiscal years were as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Annual OPEB Cost (AOC)	Percent of AOC Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
2010	\$ 1,834	69.5%	\$ 2,176
2011	1,738	57.3%	2,918
2012	1,614	73.5%	3,346

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*(d) Funded Status and Funding Progress*

As of June 30, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the UAAL was \$17,066,000. The annual covered payroll for all employees covered by the Subsidized Retiree Health Benefits Program is \$435,559,000 and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 3.9 percent.

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, is presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements. This schedule presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

*(e) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions*

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets (if any), consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the County's June 30, 2012, actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 3.25 percent inflation rate, a 5.25 percent investment rate of return, based on the rate of return of the County's Investment Pool over time, since the plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, and healthcare cost trend rates that vary by plan starting at 7.5 to 9.5 percent and declining to 5.0 percent over 6 years. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2012, was 30 years.

**NOTE 14 - TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE**

On July 1, 2011, the County issued \$137,315,000 in Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (Notes) at a 2.25 percent interest rate, priced to yield 0.27 percent, to meet current year cash flow requirements for operational needs. At June 30, 2012, the outstanding principal was \$0. Principal and interest for fiscal year 2011-12 was paid on June 29, 2012, the maturity date of these notes.

The Notes, in accordance with California law, are general obligations of the County and are payable out of fiscal year 2011-12 taxes and other revenues, which are legally available for payment thereof.

The summary of the notes transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, is as follows (in thousands):

Beginning Balance			Ending Balance	Due Within
<u>June 30, 2011</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>One Year</u>
\$ 128,935	\$ 137,315	\$ (266,250)	\$ -	\$ -

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**NOTE 15 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; hospital liability (malpractice); errors and omissions; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters for which the government is either self-insured, commercially insured, or a combination of both.

The Human Resources Department acquired commercial insurance for primary group medical and long-term disability insurance. Unemployment insurance benefits are self-insured and administered by the Human Resources Department within the Employee Benefits Insurance Internal Service Fund. Professional Firefighters and Deputy Sheriffs Associations also administer commercial group medical insurance plans available for their members.

The Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP), administered by the Health Care Agency, provides a County self-insured medical plan for County employees. In addition, a separate self-insured plan is offered to certain other County employees and to related clinic employees through their employers. A state Healthy Families plan is also available from VCHCP. Excess commercial coverage is also purchased for VCHCP.

The Risk Management Department within the General Insurance Internal Service Fund administers the commercial and self-insurance aspects of the County's casualty risk programs. General liability is self-insured to \$500,000 per occurrence, following exhaustion of an initial \$1,000,000 corridor deductible as of July 1, 2012, thereafter, covered by excess commercial liability insurance up to \$31.5 million per occurrence.

In October 2004, the County joined the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Excess Insurance Authority, a joint powers authority, for property and earthquake coverage. The Authority was formed in 1979 by and for California counties and currently has 54 participating counties, and a number of other public entities. The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one director from each member county appointed by each member county's Board of Supervisors, and five other public entity Board members. The Authority annually issues an audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Through participation in the Authority, risk is pooled (shared) among the pool participants. Accordingly, the premiums are reported as insurance expenses in the General Liability Internal Service Fund as required by GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*.

Medical malpractice liability insurance provides liability coverage on a claims made basis, up to \$50 million per incident, with a \$100,000 per occurrence deductible. Medical malpractice claims made coverage includes a retroactive date of October 1, 1986. Tail coverage for events that occurred prior to October 1, 1986 but have not yet been reported is self-insured. In March 2004, the County began participating in the BETA Healthcare Group, a joint powers authority, for the purpose of purchasing medical malpractice insurance. This risk-sharing pool program, established as a cost effective alternative to the commercial insurance market, is structured like a traditional insurer in that members are not assessed for excess pool losses. Coverage was renewed in July 2012.

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The unpaid claims liabilities included in the General Insurance fund are based on actuarial studies and include amounts for claims incurred but not reported including loss adjustment expenses. Beginning with fiscal year 1994-95, the General Insurance liabilities were discounted at 5.5 percent. Due to decline of the economy and interest rates, for the actuarial report as of June 30, 2011, the discount rate for the General Insurance liability has been lowered to 3.0 percent. The revenue received, including interest, and contribution funded liabilities, and net assets are sufficient to meet liabilities as they come due.

Workers' compensation occurrences are self-insured effective July 1, 2002, with coverage for all employees. Injuries occurring from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 2002, are fully covered by the prior commercial insurer without a maximum. Injuries occurring prior to July 1, 1995, were originally self-insured and self-administered. Beginning in April 1997, these claims were adjusted and funded through a loss portfolio transfer policy with limits of liability of \$22,800,000, and the insurance carrier's right to reimbursement for claims expenses in excess of the policy limit. The limit of liability was exceeded in July 2007. Litigation ensued against the carrier, resulting in a settlement in March 2011, whereby the carrier waived reimbursement of \$1.65 million in expenses and the County took over further administration of the claims as of April 2011. As a result, the claims are now once again administered by, and claims costs borne by the County, along with the post July 1, 2002, self-insured claims. As of June 30, 2012, the expected liability on the pre-1995 claims, at the 80 percent confidence level, discounted at 5.5 percent, was actuarially estimated to be \$8,176,000.

The unpaid claims liabilities in the Workers' Compensation fund for losses prior to 1995 and subsequent to 2002 included in the self-insurance fund are based on actuarial studies and include amounts for claims incurred but not reported including loss adjustment expenses. The ultimate liabilities remain discounted at 5.5 percent as in past years. This discount rate has been retained because the claim payment liability for workers' compensation cases is much longer than other types of liabilities in the General Insurance Internal Service Fund.

Settlements or judgments have not exceeded commercial coverage for any risk of loss in each of the past three fiscal years, with the exception of the loss portfolio transfer policy for workers' compensation claims prior to 1995, as noted above. In addition, litigation expenses and liability for damages for uninsured cases, such as inverse condemnation and land subsidence cases, have been incurred by the General Insurance Internal Service Fund.

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities of General Insurance and Employee Benefits Internal Service Funds and Health Care Plan Enterprise Fund and medical malpractice liability of the Medical Center during fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as follows (in thousands):

	Claims Fiscal Year		Medical Malpractice Fiscal Year	
	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
Liabilities, beginning	\$ 155,771	\$ 143,660	\$ 4,420	\$ 3,618
Incurred losses and adjustments	72,114	74,405	(187)	802
Claim payments	(73,833)	(62,294)	-	-
Liabilities, ending	<u>\$ 154,052</u>	<u>\$ 155,771</u>	<u>\$ 4,233</u>	<u>\$ 4,420</u>

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Medical malpractice liability for public and mental health functions in the General Fund of \$525,000, a decrease of \$23,000 from the prior year, is reported in the governmental activities portion of the government-wide financial statements.

**NOTE 16 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Property Tax Administration Fees**

On November 19, 2012, in a decision in favor of 47 cities and against the County of Los Angeles, the California Supreme Court issued a decision concluding that Revenue and Taxation Code section 97.75 does not authorize the County of Los Angeles' collection of certain disputed Property Tax Administration Fees (PTAF), and that Los Angeles County's method of collecting disputed PTAF violates the statutory scheme. The California Supreme Court's decision substantially reduced the amount of PTAF that the County of Los Angeles was permitted to withhold from the sum of \$4,800,000 for fiscal year 2006-07, and \$5,300,000 for fiscal year 2007-08, to the sum of \$35,000. This is significant to the County of Ventura because, since fiscal year 2006-07, the County of Ventura has withheld PTAF according to the same disputed method used by the County of Los Angeles, and claims made by various cities against this County for disputed PTAF currently collectively exceed \$3,000,000. The outcome of this case is not likely to have a material adverse impact on the County of Ventura's financial statements.

The County of Los Angeles has asked the California Supreme Court to revisit its decision in a petition for rehearing. The California Supreme Court has until February 15, 2013, to decide whether to grant the County's request. The existing decision would be vacated if the California Supreme Court chooses to reconsider the case, and a new decision would supersede the Court's previous decision.

**Grants**

The County recognizes as revenue grant monies received as reimbursement for costs incurred in certain federal and state programs it administers. The County's grant programs are subject to audit under the requirements of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 and are generally subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could result in requests for reimbursement to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant or in reductions of future grant monies. An amount of \$1,000,000, annually, is set aside for contingencies in the General Fund for this possibility. Based on prior experience, management believes that grant costs ultimately disallowed, if any, would not materially affect the financial condition of the County.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are not accounted for as expenditures and liabilities, but are included in fund balance. As of June 30, 2012, encumbrances of \$13,907,000 were reported in the General Fund, \$3,147,000 in the Road Fund, \$10,321,000 in the Watershed Protection Districts, \$3,633,000 in the Fire Protection District, and \$4,845,000 in the Non-major Governmental Funds.

**Other**

Legal proceedings normally occur related to construction projects and are subject to arbitration by agreement. Claims are negotiated by the County of Ventura. In the opinion of management, current claims are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the County financial statements and, accordingly, no provision for losses has been recorded.

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**NOTE 17 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

**Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes**

On July 2, 2012, the County issued \$136,870,000 of 2.50 percent fixed-rate, priced to yield 0.18 percent, tax and revenue anticipation notes. The notes received SP-1+ and MIG 1 ratings from Standard and Poor's Ratings Services (S & P) and Moody's Investors Services (Moody's), respectively. Proceeds from the notes will be used to meet fiscal year 2012-13 expenditures including capital expenditures and the discharge of other obligations of the County. The maturity date of the notes is July 1, 2013.

**NOTE 18 - SUCCESSOR AGENCY TRUST FOR ASSETS OF FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

On December 29, 2011, the California Supreme Court upheld Assembly Bill 1X 26 (Bill) that provides for the dissolution of all redevelopment agencies in the State of California. This action impacted the reporting entity of the County of Ventura that previously had reported a redevelopment agency within the reporting entity of the County as a blended component unit.

The Bill provides that upon dissolution of a redevelopment agency, either the County or another unit of local government will agree to serve as the "successor agency" to hold the assets until they are distributed to other units of state and local government. Effective February 1, 2012, the County became the Successor Agency for the former redevelopment agency in accordance with the Bill.

After enactment of the law, which occurred on June 28, 2011, redevelopment agencies in the State of California cannot enter into new projects, obligations, or commitments. Subject to the control of a newly established oversight board, remaining assets can only be used to pay enforceable obligations in existence at the date of dissolution (including the completion of any unfinished projects that were subject to legally enforceable contractual commitments).

In future fiscal years, successor agencies will only be allocated revenue in the amount that is necessary to pay the estimated annual installment payments on enforceable obligations of the former redevelopment agency until all enforceable obligations of the prior redevelopment agency have been paid in full and all assets have been liquidated.

The Bill directs the State Controller of the State of California to review the propriety of any transfers of assets between redevelopment agencies and other public bodies that occurred after January 1, 2011. If the public body that received such transfers is not contractually committed to a third party for the expenditure or encumbrance of those assets, the State Controller is required to order the available assets to be transferred to the public body designated as the successor agency by the Bill.

Management believes, in consultation with legal counsel, that the obligations of the former redevelopment agency due to the County are valid, enforceable obligations payable by the successor agency trust under the requirements of the Bill. The County's position on this issue is not a position of settled law and there is considerable legal uncertainty regarding this issue. It is reasonably possible that a legal determination may be made at a later date by an appropriate judicial authority that would resolve this issue unfavorably to the County.

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In accordance with the timeline set forth in the Bill (as modified by the California Supreme Court on December 29, 2011) all redevelopment agencies in the State of California were dissolved and ceased to operate as a legal entity as of February 1, 2012.

Prior to the date, the final seven months of the activity of the redevelopment agency continued to be reported in the governmental funds of the County. After the date of dissolution, the assets and activities of the dissolved redevelopment agency are reported in a fiduciary fund (private-purpose trust fund) in the financial statements of the County.

The transfer of the assets and liabilities of the former redevelopment agency as of February 1, 2012, (effectively the same date as January 31, 2012) from governmental funds of the County to fiduciary funds was reported in the governmental funds as an extraordinary loss in the governmental fund financial statements. The receipt of these assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2012, was reported in the private-purpose trust fund as an extraordinary gain.

Because of the different measurement focus of the governmental funds (*current financial resources measurement focus*) and the measurement focus of the trust funds (*economic resources measurement focus*), the extraordinary loss recognized in the governmental funds was not the same amount as the extraordinary gain that was recognized in the fiduciary fund financial statements.

The difference between the extraordinary loss recognized in the fund financial statements and the extraordinary gain recognized in the fiduciary fund financial statements is reconciled as follows (in thousands):

Total extraordinary loss reported in governmental funds - increase to net assets of the Successor Agency Trust Fund	\$ 317
Capital assets recorded in the government-wide financial statements - increase to net assets of the Successor Agency Trust Fund	2,185
Long-term debt reported in the government-wide financial statements - decrease to net assets of the Successor Agency Trust Fund	<u>1,088</u>
Net increase to net assets of the Successor Agency Trust Fund as a result of initial transfers (equal to amount of extraordinary loss reported in the government-wide financial statements of the County)	<u>\$ 1,414</u>

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**Capital Assets**

Capital Asset activity for the period ended June 30, 2012, was as follows (in thousands):

	Balance February 1, 2012	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2012
Capital assets, nondepreciable:				
Construction in progress	282	12	-	294
Total capital assets, nondepreciable	<u>282</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294</u>
Capital assets, depreciable/amortizable:				
Structures and improvements	2,680	-	-	2,680
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable	<u>2,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,680</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Structures and improvements	777	39	-	816
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>777</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>816</u>
Total capital assets, depreciable/amortizable, net	<u>1,903</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,864</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,185</u>	<u>\$ (27)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,158</u>

**Long-Term Debt**

Information about the Successor Agency long-term debt is as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan

An interest-free, unsecured loan from the County's CDBG Supplemental Earthquake funds was obtained in July 1996. The original loan was approved for \$150,000, with \$50,000 drawn down on September 23, 1996, and \$100,000 drawn down on June 17, 1997. The initial repayment date was set for 1999. The County approved an extension for the repayment dates to June 2005 and June 2010. In 2007, the County forgave \$30,000 of the outstanding balance of \$65,000 and further extended the repayment dates for the remaining balance of \$35,000 to June 2011 and June 2016. In fiscal year 2010-11, the Agency made a payment of \$17,500, leaving a remaining balance of \$17,500.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Loan #1

On October 9, 2001, the Successor Agency applied for a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Low Interest Loan, in the amount of \$750,000. The loan was offered to and accepted by the Agency in August 2002. The loan was secured through the purchase of tax allocation bonds issued by the Agency. To repay the tax allocation bonds, the Agency pledged property tax increment revenues consistent with the term and outstanding amount of the tax allocation bonds issued. The loan documents stipulated loan proceeds would not be distributed to the Agency until the Town Square project was completed, and project completion occurred in fiscal year 2002-03. The total loan proceeds received in fiscal year 2002-03 were \$676,636; the remaining balance of \$73,364 was received in fiscal year 2003-04. The first principal payment was made in fiscal year 2003-04. Tax revenues for the Successor Agency for the current year were \$116,806. Bond payments are at a fixed rate not to exceed 4.75 percent for a term not to exceed 15 years.

USDA Loan #2

On May 8, 2007, the Agency applied for a second USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Low Interest Loan, in the amount of \$750,000. On June 3, 2008, the Agency accepted the loan and authorized the issuance of tax allocation bonds to the USDA to secure the loan. To repay the tax

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allocation bonds, the Agency pledged property tax increment revenues in the same manner as USDA Loan #1 described above. On July 24, 2008, the tax allocation bonds were delivered to the USDA. The first principal payment was made in fiscal year 2009-10. Bond payments are at a fixed rate not to exceed 4.125 percent for a term not to exceed 30 years.

On February 1, 2012, the CDBG Loan and the USDA Loans #1 and #2 were transferred from the County of Ventura Redevelopment Agency to the Successor Agency.

Summaries of long-term indebtedness outstanding as of June 30, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

Loan/ Bonds	Outstanding February 1, 2012	Additions	Maturities	Outstanding June 30, 2012	Amount Due Within One Year
CDBG	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ -
USDA Loan #1	361	-	-	361	53
USDA Loan #2	709	-	-	709	15
Totals	<u>\$ 1,088</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,088</u>	<u>\$ 68</u>

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