



## NETARTS-OCEANSIDE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Report to the Board of Directors  
for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

December 13, 2023



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**NETARTS-OCEANSIDE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Tillamook County, Oregon**

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December 13, 2023

Board of Directors  
Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District  
Tillamook County, Oregon

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District, Tillamook County, Oregon, for the year ended June 30, 2023. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for the District's financial reporting process. Also included is a summary of recently issued accounting standards that may affect future financial reporting by the District.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management of the District, and it is not intended to be used, and should not be used, by anyone other than these specified parties.

It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the District.

Very truly yours,

Accuity, LLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
Albany, Oregon



Board of Directors  
Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District  
Tillamook County, Oregon

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter dated June 9, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District are described in Note I to the financial statements. Four new accounting policies were adopted during the year, GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability of Arrangements*, Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 202*, and Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of depreciable lives and salvage values of capital assets, which are based on expected useful lives of the assets and current market conditions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciable lives and salvage values and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District's financial statements relate to pension.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the accompanying letter dated December 13, 2023.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### *Other Matters*

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the modified cash basis financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restrictions on Use

This report is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Accuity, LLC  
December 13, 2023



December 13, 2023

Board of Directors  
Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District  
Tillamook County, Oregon

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in the District's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

### *Organizational Structure*

The size of the District's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. This situation dictates that the Board of Directors remains involved in the financial affairs of the District to provide oversight and independent review functions.

### *Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting*

District employees appear to be fulfilling accounting and reporting duties as assigned; however, the District lacks personnel with the ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. Due to the size of the District, this control deficiency will most likely remain in subsequent years. The State of Oregon has adopted statutes that mitigate the identified deficiency by requiring municipal auditing firms to assist with and/or prepare financial statements for audit clients in accordance with their selected basis of accounting.

During our audit, we became aware of the following deficiencies in internal control, other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, that are an opportunity to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiencies.

#### *Support for Cash Disbursements: Missing Receipts*

During our audit, we noted instances of amounts paid from a credit card statement without proper backup documentation and receipts. Not only for audit purposes, but in order to provide adequate disbursement documentation, a copy of each receipt should be retained for every credit card statement. We recommend that this practice be initiated as soon as possible.

#### *Purchase of Giftcards*

During our audit, we noted the purchase of 18 giftcards without proper backup documentation of what they were used for and to whom they were given. Not only for audit purposes, but in order to provide adequate disbursement documentation, proper backup documentation of what they were used for and to whom they were given should be maintained any time gift cards we purchased by the District. We recommend that this practice be initiated as soon as possible.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of directors, and others within the District, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

  
Accuity, LLC



Recently Issued Accounting Standards  
June 30, 2023

### **New Pronouncements**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented the following new accounting standards:

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability of Arrangements* – This Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs).

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* – This statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users.

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. This statement was issued April 2022 and enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to lease implementation, public-private and public-public partnerships and availability payment arrangements, and subscription-based information technology arrangements.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This statement was issued to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

The District will implement applicable new GASB pronouncements no later than the required fiscal year. Management has not determined the effect on the financial statements for implementing any of the following pronouncements:

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. This statement was issued April 2022 and enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to financial guarantees and classification of derivatives.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. This statement was issued to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.



June 09, 2023

Tim Carpenter  
Netarts-Oceanside RFPD

Dear Tim,

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide to Netarts-Oceanside RFPD for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### **Audit Scope and Objectives**

We will audit the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information that accompanies Netarts-Oceanside RFPD's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole:

1. Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund and Major Special Revenue Funds, if any
2. Combining Balance Sheet and Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for all Nonmajor Governmental Funds, if any
3. Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Projects Funds, if any

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, and report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS, and the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. We will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. We will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.



Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from the Government's attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers but will remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

### **Audit Procedures – Internal Control**

We will obtain an understanding of the Government and its environment, including internal control relevant to the audit, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance, internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

We have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as a part of our audit planning:

1. Organizational Structure - The size of the District's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties. Due to the limited number of staff, many critical accounting duties have been combined. The situation dictates that the Board of Directors remains involved in the financial affairs of the District to provide oversight and independent review functions.



2. Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting - Currently, District employees appear to be fulfilling accounting and reporting duties as assigned; however, the District lacks personnel with the ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with the accounting method selected by the District (modified cash)

### **Audit Procedures – Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion.

### **Other Services**

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements and related notes of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting based on information provided by you. The other services are limited to the financial statements and related notes as previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities. We will assist with preparation of the capital asset schedule and depreciation calculation in conformity with the applicable basis of accounting.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, with the oversight of those charged with governance..

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including information from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions and other matters, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the Government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud or illegal acts could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of



fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting (2) that you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, (3) that the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or if they have changed, the reasons for such changes), and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions in interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

### **Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing and will prepare schedules requested by us by the dates communicated directly to management.

We will provide copies of our reports to Netarts-Oceanside RFPD, however management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Accuity, LLC and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to the State of Oregon or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Accuity, LLC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of seven years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the State of Oregon. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party/parties contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on November 6, 2023 and to issue our report no later than December 31, 2023. Glen Kearns is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Our fees for these services will be based on the value of the services rendered, plus out-of-pocket expenses. We estimate that our fees for these services, including out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, typing, postage, copies, or travel), will be \$10,000. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate.

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable upon presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and



will not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenditures through the date of termination.

## Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to management and those charged with governance of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature and circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add a separate section, or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from this engagement. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete our audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express our opinions or withdraw from this engagement.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

If this engagement letter is written in support of any existing bid or contract, in case of any conflict between such agreement and this letter, this letter will control.

If any of the above sections or clauses are held to be invalid for any reason, or are declared to be null and void, all other sections and clauses of this agreement shall remain valid, will not be nullified, and are hereby further affirmed.

Venue of all matters arising from this agreement, this engagement, and subsequent engagements shall reside in Albany, Linn County, Oregon.

Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of this agreement shall be settled by binding arbitration under the arbitration rules of the Linn County Circuit Court. There shall be one arbitrator selected from the Circuit Court Panel of Arbitrators and the proceeding shall follow the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure. The arbitrator shall have the authority to award any remedy or relief that an Oregon court could order or grant, including, without limitation, specific performance of any obligation created under this agreement, the issuance of an injunction, or the imposition of sanctions for abuse or frustration of the arbitration process, except that the arbitrator shall not have authority to award punitive damages or any other amount for the purpose of imposing a penalty as opposed to compensating for actual damages suffered or loss incurred. With respect to any action relating to this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the losing party its reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees, expert fees, and all other fees, costs, and expenses actually incurred and reasonably necessary in connection with such action as determined by the arbitrator.

Our audit engagement ends upon delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new specific engagement letter for that service.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe that this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

Glen Kearns  
Accuity, LLC



RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Netarts-Oceanside RFPD

Tim Carpenter  
Tim Carpenter, Fire Chief

07/19/2023  
Date

Accuity, LLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
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P.O. Box 1072  
Albany, Oregon 97321

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the modified cash basis financial statements of Netarts-Oceanside Rural Fire Protection District, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund as of June 30, 2023, the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of signature of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audit.

#### **Financial Statements**

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 9, 2023, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the District required by the modified cash basis of accounting to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the modified cash basis of accounting.
7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the modified cash basis of accounting requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of signature of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.
8. The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements for each opinion unit.
9. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
10. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

**Information Provided**

11. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d. Minutes of the meetings of the board of directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
12. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
13. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves:
  - a. Management,
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
16. We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
17. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
18. We have disclosed to you the identity of the District's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

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19. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
20. We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that you have reported to us, if applicable.
21. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
22. We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented, if applicable.
23. We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report, if applicable.
24. The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
25. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

26. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
27. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances, which have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
28. We have identified and disclosed to you all instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
29. There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants, whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
30. As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have assumed all management responsibilities. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.
31. The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets, nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
32. The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
33. The financial statements include all component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations, if applicable.
34. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
35. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement Nos. 34 and 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
36. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
37. Investments, derivative instruments, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.

38. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
39. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
40. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
41. Special and extraordinary items are classified and reported, if applicable.
42. Deposits, investment securities, and derivative instruments are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
43. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated.
44. We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.
45. We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. The policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial statement purposes.
46. With respect to the supplementary information:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the supplementary information in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, and we believe this information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

  
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Fire Chief

12-13-23  
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Date

**NETARTS-OCEANSIDE RFPD**  
**Journal Entry**  
**06/30/2023**

Account	Description	Workpaper Reference	Debit	Credit	Net Income Effect
<b>AJE01</b>		<u><u>W2</u></u>			
To adjust equity and cash - client does not book					
100-3020	F/B General Funds		163,123.39	0.00	
400-3560	Fund Balance - Fire App Reserve		0.00	88,004.00	
401-3560	Fund Balance - Building Reserve		0.00	75,119.39	
100-1050	LGIP - Primary #4390 Gen Funds		532,025.61	0.00	
400-1250	LGIP - #4394 Fire App Reserve		0.00	224,838.00	
401-1350	LGIP - #4534 Building Reserve		0.00	307,187.61	
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>695,149.00</u></u>	<u><u>695,149.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
<b>AJE02</b>					
To reverse payroll liabs - client is cash basis. Client needs to book.					
100-2101	Payroll Tax Liability		0.00	162.14	
100-2103	Health Care		0.00	14,184.14	
100-2104	Retirement		0.00	4,341.02	
100-2105	AFLAC		0.00	1,408.73	
100-2106	Deferred Comp		6,500.00	0.00	
100-2108	Employee Draw		200.00	0.00	
100-2111	Payroll Payable Net		31,643.14	0.00	
100-5503	Benefits-Payroll		0.00	18,247.11	
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>38,343.14</u></u>	<u><u>38,343.14</u></u>	<u><u>18,247.11</u></u>
<b>AJE03</b>					
To record budgeted transfers					
100-5801	Fire Equip Res - Transfer Out		300,000.00	0.00	
401-4900	Transfers In		0.00	150,000.00	
400-4900	Transfers In		0.00	150,000.00	
100-1050	LGIP - Primary #4390 Gen Funds		0.00	300,000.00	
401-1350	LGIP - #4534 Building Reserve		150,000.00	0.00	
400-1250	LGIP - #4394 Fire App Reserve		150,000.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>600,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>600,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<u><u>1,333,492.14</u></u>	<u><u>1,333,492.14</u></u>	<u><u>18,247.11</u></u>