

# Telluride Fire Protection District

Audit Results and Report to the Board of Directors  
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2025



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## Matters Required to be Discussed with Those Charged with Governance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Telluride Fire Protection District (the District) for the year ended December 31, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2026. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 5, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit:

| Requirement                                                                                                              | Discussion Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Auditor's judgement about the quality of the District's accounting policies, estimates, and financial disclosures</b> | In accordance with applicable accounting standards, we reviewed the quality of the District's financial reporting, which includes the District's significant accounting practices, estimates, and financial statement disclosures. We noted no transactions 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sensitive accounting estimates</b>                                                                                    | <p>The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Management's estimate of the collectability of charges for emergency medical services accounts receivable. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the collectability of 2025 emergency medical services accounts receivable in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.</li><li>• Management's estimate of the net pension liability, deferred pension outflows, and deferred pension inflows related to GASB 68 for pensions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the pension estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.</li><li>• Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on estimated useful lives of individual assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.</li></ul> |

| Requirement                                          | Discussion Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Sensitive financial statement disclosures</b>     | <p>The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The disclosure of the budgets in Note 4 to the financial statements.</li> <li>• The disclosure of the District's capital assets in Note 6 to the financial statements.</li> <li>• The disclosure of the District's long-term liabilities in Note 7 to the financial statements.</li> <li>• The disclosure of the pension plans in Note 8 to the financial statements.</li> <li>• The disclosure of subsequent events in Note 10 to the financial statements.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Significant accounting policies and practices</b> | Significant accounting policies and practices used by the District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Summary of audit adjustments</b>                  | Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. See page 4 for the summary of audit adjustments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Disagreements with management</b>                 | For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Consultations with other accountants</b>          | We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other independent public accountants. Nor are we aware of opinions obtained by management from other independent public accountants on the application of generally accepted accounting principles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Other audit findings or issues</b>                | We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and accounting standards, with management prior to acceptance 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Difficulties encountered during the audit</b>     | We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Requirement                                                                          | Discussion Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Representations requested from management</b>                                     | We request certain representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated June 16, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Required Supplementary Information</b>                                            | We applied certain limited procedures to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the budgetary comparison schedule, and the FPPA Pension schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other Supplementary information accompanying the audited financial statements</b> | With respect to the other supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the Comparative Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – General Fund and the Comparative Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Debt Service Fund to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, 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. |

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Grand Junction, Colorado  
June 16, 2026

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## Summary of Audit Adjustments

The following report details the resulting journal entries from the audit of the financial statements of Telluride Fire Protection District, as of December 31, 2025 and for the year then ended.

### Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1

Client Requested Entry: To adjust GASB 68 pension balances for the District's proportionate share related to employees participating in the FPPA Statewide Defined Benefit Plan and the FPPA Volunteer Pension Fund as of December 31, 2025.

|              |                                      |           |                |                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2901         | Net Pension Liability                | \$        | 331,721        |                   |
| 2903a        | Contributions                        |           | 154,192        |                   |
| 2903c        | Experience Gains & Losses            |           | 162,401        |                   |
| 2904e        | Deferred Inflow - Pension Invst      |           | 27,153         |                   |
| 2903b        | Pension Investments                  |           |                | \$ 348,688        |
| 2903e        | Change in Assumptions                |           |                | 64,150            |
| 2904c        | Experience Gains & Losses            |           |                | 45,668            |
| 2904d        | Pension Proportionate Share          |           |                | 2,741             |
| DWC -27      | GASB 68 Current Year Pension Expense |           |                | 214,220           |
| <b>Total</b> |                                      | <b>\$</b> | <b>675,467</b> | <b>\$ 675,467</b> |

### Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2

Client Requested Entry: To record the change in the balance of accrued interest from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

|              |                                                        |           |               |                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| 2203         | Accrued Interest Payable                               | \$        | 25,634        |                  |
| DWC-63       | Change in Accrued Interest - Lease-Purchase Obligation |           |               | \$ 3,694         |
| DWC-64       | Change in Accrued Interest - Community Equip Lease     |           |               | 1,483            |
| DWC-65       | Change in Accrued Interest - Community Housing Lease   |           |               | 20,457           |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                        | <b>\$</b> | <b>25,634</b> | <b>\$ 25,634</b> |

### Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3

Client Requested Entry: To adjust capital assets, accumulated depreciation, and depreciation expense as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025.

|              |                                 |           |                  |                     |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1610.1       | Less - Accum Depr (Equip)       | \$        | 106,285          |                     |
| 1630         | Land                            |           | 454,341          |                     |
| 1640         | Other Asset                     |           | 316,639          |                     |
| 3605         | Equipment Sold                  |           | 9,667            |                     |
| 6920.3       | Misc. Amb. Cap                  |           | 132,291          |                     |
| DWC-47       | Depreciation Expense            |           | 805,350          |                     |
| 1600         | Buildings                       |           |                  | \$ 454,341          |
| 1600.1       | Less - Accum Depr (Bldg)        |           |                  | 233,136             |
| 1610         | Equipment                       |           |                  | 170,153             |
| 1620         | Vehicles                        |           |                  | 370,742             |
| 1620.1       | Less - Accum Depr (Vehicles)    |           |                  | 331,619             |
| 6102.5       | Misc. Equipment                 |           |                  | 132,291             |
| 6907         | Capital Outlay - Contra Account |           |                  | 132,291             |
| <b>Total</b> |                                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,824,573</b> | <b>\$ 1,824,573</b> |

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**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 4**

Client Requested Entry: To adjust accrued compensated absences to the reconciled balance as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025.

|              |                                 |           |            |               |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 5199         | Change in Accr Compensated Wage | \$        | 491        |               |
| 2580         | Accrued Compensated Absences    |           |            | \$ 491        |
| <b>Total</b> |                                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>491</b> | <b>\$ 491</b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 5**

Client Requested Entry: To reverse out accrued payroll that was paid in the 2025 year as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025.

|              |                       |           |                |                   |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2202         | Accrued Payroll       | \$        | 282,723        |                   |
| 5101         | District Employee Pay |           |                | \$ 282,723        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       | <b>\$</b> | <b>282,723</b> | <b>\$ 282,723</b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 6**

Client Requested Entry: To accrue wages, payroll taxes, and pension expenses paid in 2026 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025.

|              |                                 |           |                |                   |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 5101         | District Employee Pay           | \$        | 279,211        |                   |
| 5102         | Crew Pay - Fire                 |           | 2,252          |                   |
| 5109         | Personal Vehicle Usage Allowanc |           | 4,800          |                   |
| 5110         | Public Information Officer      |           | 400            |                   |
| 5201         | Fed/State Payroll Taxes         |           | 1,832          |                   |
| 5205         | FPPA - District Match           |           | 24,761         |                   |
| 5206         | FPPA - D&D                      |           | 7,700          |                   |
| 2111         | Direct Deposit Liabilities      |           |                | \$ 144,800        |
| 2202         | Accrued Payroll                 |           |                | 176,156           |
| <b>Total</b> |                                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>320,956</b> | <b>\$ 320,956</b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 7**

Client Requested Entry: To reclassify fund balance to the TABOR reserve to maintain compliance with Colorado TABOR requirements as of December 31, 2025.

|              |                       |           |               |                  |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| 3901         | Retained Earnings     | \$        | 11,000        |                  |
| 2747         | Tabor Reserve Account |           |               | \$ 11,000        |
| <b>Total</b> |                       | <b>\$</b> | <b>11,000</b> | <b>\$ 11,000</b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 8**

Client Requested Entry: To reclassify fund balance restricted for acquisition of capital assets related to the balance of cash restricted for acquisition of capital assets as of December 31, 2025 out of unassigned fund balance.

|              |                               |           |                  |                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2748         | Restricted- Capital Asset Acq | \$        | 1,738,743        |                     |
| 3901         | Retained Earnings             |           |                  | \$ 1,738,743        |
| <b>Total</b> |                               | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,738,743</b> | <b>\$ 1,738,743</b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 9**

Client Requested Entry: To adjust beginning fund balance accounts and beginning net position accounts as of January 1, 2025 to match ending fund balance amounts and ending net position balances in the prior year audited financial statements.

|              |                              |           |                         |                            |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1750         | Amount to be Provided        | \$        | 245,338                 |                            |
| 1751         | Amount to be Provided - (DF) |           | 1,391,705               |                            |
| 2749         | Nonspendable Assets          |           | 68,152                  |                            |
| 2906         | GASB 68 Pension Expense      |           | 290,912                 |                            |
| 3901         | Retained Earnings            |           | 496,465                 |                            |
| 2730         | Investment in GFA            |           |                         | \$ 2,478,651               |
| 2743         | Debt Service Fund            |           |                         | 13,921                     |
| <b>Total</b> |                              | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>2,492,572</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,492,572</u></b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 10**

Client Requested Entry: To close the Debt Service Fund and transfer remaining assets to the General Fund as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025.

|              |                                 |           |                       |                          |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1801         | GF - Due (to)/ from Other Funds | \$        | 1,387                 |                          |
| 3401-D       | Delinquent Taxes (DF)           |           | 84                    |                          |
| 3402-D       | Delinquent Interest (DF)        |           | 12                    |                          |
| 3405-D       | Specific Taxes (DF)             |           | 59                    |                          |
| 3408         | Prior Year Abatement            |           | 274                   |                          |
| 3409         | Prior Year Abatement Interest   |           | 17                    |                          |
| 3411-D       | Other - DF                      |           | 131                   |                          |
| 6713-D       | Treasurer's Fees (DF)           |           | 5                     |                          |
| DWC-71       | Transfer to General Fund        |           | 273,849               |                          |
| 1803         | DSF - Due (to)/from Other Funds |           |                       | \$ 1,387                 |
| 3401         | Delinquent Taxes                |           |                       | 84                       |
| 3402         | Delinquent Interest             |           |                       | 12                       |
| 3405         | Specific Taxes                  |           |                       | 59                       |
| 3408-D       | Prior Year Abatement (DF)       |           |                       | 274                      |
| 3409-D       | Prior Year Abatement Int (DF)   |           |                       | 17                       |
| 3411         | Other                           |           |                       | 131                      |
| 6713         | Treasurer Fees                  |           |                       | 5                        |
| DWC-70       | Transfer from Debt Service Fund |           |                       | 273,849                  |
| <b>Total</b> |                                 | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>275,818</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 275,818</u></b> |

**Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 11**

Client Requested Entry: To reclassify nonspendable fund balance related to assigned capital projects as of December 31, 2025 out of unassigned fund balance.

|              |                           |           |                         |                            |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3901         | Retained Earnings         | \$        | 4,500,000               |                            |
| DWC-69       | Assigned Capital Projects |           |                         | \$ 4,500,000               |
| <b>Total</b> |                           | <b>\$</b> | <b><u>4,500,000</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 4,500,000</u></b> |





The Board of Directors  
Telluride Fire Protection District  
Telluride, Colorado

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Telluride Fire Protection District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's system of internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and; therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DWC".

Grand Junction, Colorado

June 16, 2026

## **SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY**

### **Preparation of Financial Statements in accordance with Government Accounting Standards**

The District is a small local district with a limited number of employees, including the office manager that is in charge of all administrative and accounting duties. The office manager has the knowledge and ability to appropriately record the District's financial transactions on a fund level during the year. In addition, management and the board of directors have the knowledge to understand and take responsibility for the financial statements. However, the District does not have an employee with the knowledge to adequately prepare a complete set of financial statements in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. In accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 115, *Communication of Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit*, this is considered a significant control deficiency.

The District will be unable to provide a remedy to this deficiency unless another accounting firm is retained to assist in the preparation of financial statements, or additional training can be provided for the office manager. Given the size of the District and limited financial resources, the board will need to determine if the economics of the aforementioned remedies are feasible.

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