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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority
Glendale, Arizona

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (the Authority), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority at June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 2-11 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Phoenix, Arizona
October 30, 2009

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

The following is management's discussion and analysis of the financial performance of Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (the "Authority"). It provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities and financial condition for the year and should be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements and accompanying notes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Using the Financial Statements

As a business-type activity, the Authority's annual financial reporting includes the basic financial statements and accompanying notes for enterprise funds. The Authority reports on a fiscal year basis.

- Statements of net assets summarize the Authority's current and long-term obligations (liabilities) and the assets available to meet those obligations. The difference between total assets and total liabilities represents the Authority's net assets.
- Statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets summarize the Authority's operating and non-operating expenses for the year and the revenues that were available to cover those expenses, as well as changes in net assets.
- Statements of cash flows summarize the Authority's uses of cash during the year and the sources of cash available to finance those uses. Statements of cash flows, as cash based statements, include reconciliations to the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, which are prepared on an accrual basis.

THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Authority accounts for its financial activities in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to a government "enterprise fund." This accounting treatment applies because the Authority's activities are primarily business-like in nature. Under enterprise fund accounting, the Authority is a single accounting entity for financial reporting purposes. However, within this single accounting entity the Authority has identified a number of financial activities that it tracks separately as is required by Arizona Revised Statute or existing bond indenture documents. These financial activities are referred to as "accounts." These accounts are as follows: Tourism Revenue Clearing Account, Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account and Non-Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account, Senior and Subordinate Bond Debt Service Accounts, Tourism Promotion Account, Cactus League Account, Youth and Amateur Sports Account, and Operating General Account. . The use of the term "account" for these separate activities does not have any particular accounting significance. The Authority is not required to and does not publish separate financial statements for any of the individual accounts.

- Tourism Revenue Clearing Account collects the tourism tax revenues for the hotel bed tax and the car rental surcharge and then disburses those funds, in order of priority, to debt service, tourism, Cactus League, youth and amateur sports, Authority operations (including the University of Phoenix Stadium ("Stadium")) and the reserve accounts for youth and amateur sports, operations and capital repair and replacement.
- Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account collects the revenues related to the pledgable portion of the NFL franchise income tax revenues and those revenues directly related to the operation of the Stadium: state and local sales tax recapture, rent from the Arizona Cardinals ("Cardinals"), facility use fees, food and beverage commissions, ticket surcharges for the Fiesta Bowl and all other event revenues held at the Stadium and the disbursement of these funds for debt service.

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- Non-Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account collects that portion of the NFL tax revenues that are deemed not pledgable to the payment of debt service and disburses these funds for general operating purposes.
- Senior and Subordinate Bond Debt Service Accounts represent that portion of the Authority's pledged revenues used for the repayment of principal and interest related to the Authority's senior and subordinate bond issues.
- Tourism Promotion Account represents the activities related to providing funding for tourism promotion within Maricopa County.
- Cactus League Account represents the activities of financing new construction and renovations for spring training baseball facilities within Maricopa County.
- Youth and Amateur Sports Account represents those activities related to the promotion and financing of amateur sports projects and programs within Maricopa County.
- Operating General Account represents the Authority's primary aggregating and disbursement account for its operations which includes the Stadium.

Please refer to the notes to the financial statements for additional information on these accounts.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Overview of the Financial Statements and Financial Analysis

There are three financial statements presented for the reader: Statements of Net Assets; Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets; and, Statements of Cash Flows.

Statements of Net Assets

The Authority's Statements of Net Assets presents the following condensed assets, liabilities, and net assets as of June 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The Statements of Net Assets are to provide the reader with a financial picture of the Authority's assets (current and noncurrent), liabilities (current and noncurrent), and net assets (assets minus liabilities).

The purpose of the Statements of Net Assets is to show the user what is available for future needs of the Authority. The user, from the information presented, is able to determine the assets available for the continuing operations of the Authority. The user is able to determine what cash and cash equivalents are available and amounts owed to and by the Authority.

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Statements of Net Assets

	June 30		
	2009	2008	2007
ASSETS			
Current assets	\$ 35,534,574	\$ 34,601,108	\$ 35,642,368
Capital assets non-depreciable	2,773,165	2,773,165	2,773,165
Capital assets depreciable, net	439,470,341	454,870,558	470,187,599
Noncurrent assets	8,363,215	8,855,828	10,163,454
	<u>\$ 486,141,295</u>	<u>\$ 501,100,659</u>	<u>\$ 518,766,586</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	17,410,391	13,550,191	13,724,901
Noncurrent liabilities	446,633,027	449,436,953	445,632,973
Total liabilities	<u>464,043,418</u>	<u>462,987,144</u>	<u>459,357,874</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	158,969,640	174,713,850	190,030,892
Unrestricted	(136,871,763)	(136,600,335)	(130,622,180)
Total net assets	<u>22,097,877</u>	<u>38,113,515</u>	<u>59,408,712</u>
	<u>\$ 486,141,295</u>	<u>\$ 501,100,659</u>	<u>\$ 518,766,586</u>

Total assets decreased by \$14,959,364, or 3.0 percent, between fiscal years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008. This change is primarily related to a net decrease of \$15,400,216 in the value of capital assets including the annual depreciation expense of \$15,592,004 and a \$492,613 reduction in deferred bond issue costs. Current assets experienced a net increase of \$933,469, or 2.7 percent, between 2008 and 2009 related to the pre-sale of U2 concert tickets and the additional cash generated from these sales prior to the event being held in October 2009.

Total liabilities for the same period increased by \$1,056,274 or 0.2 percent. Current liabilities had a net \$3,860,200 increase while noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$2,803,926. Current liabilities increased due to the recording of an event liability in relation to the pre-sale of U2 concert tickets as well as the reclassification of \$2,635,000 in noncurrent bond principal payables to a current payable. The noncurrent liability section decreased as bond principal is being paid on a more accelerated basis in relation to the existing amortization schedules in addition to decreases in deferred revenues and the payable to the City of Avondale for a youth sports project. The decrease to the noncurrent liabilities was offset by increases in payables to three of the Authority's four outstanding Cactus league project commitments. The projects for the cities of Glendale and Goodyear were completed during FY2009 and in accordance to our existing agreements the Authority began to accrue interest on the outstanding principal amounts thereby increasing our noncurrent liabilities for them.

Overall, the Authority's total net assets as of June 30, 2009 decreased a total of \$16,015,638, or 42.0 percent, over the prior fiscal year.

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Between fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 total assets decreased by \$17,665,928, or 3.4 percent. This change is primarily related to a net decrease in the value of capital assets including the annual depreciation expense of \$15,567,043 a \$1,307,627 reduction in deferred bond issue costs as well as a \$1,041,260 decrease in current assets related to cash and equivalents and accounts receivable. The decrease to the deferred bond issue costs included an adjustment to the account related to the Authority's May 15, 2008 refunding of all of its outstanding senior variable rate demand revenue bonds – Series 2005A. The Authority expensed the remaining balance of the existing deferred bond issuance costs, \$1,370,088. During the same period we recorded new deferred bond issuance costs of \$520,058 for the refunding of the \$53,050,000 bond principal under the new series 2008 senior variable rate demand revenue refunding bonds. The reason for the Authority's refunding of its variable rate debt was as a result of the sub-prime mortgage issue which created a credit crisis in the marketplace. This crisis directly impacted the credit rating of the insurer of the Authority's bonds, Ambac Assurance, in January 2008, which, in turn, made all insured bond issuances by Ambac less desirable in the marketplace. In order to remarket the bonds on a weekly basis, the remarketing agent for the Authority, was required to offer higher rates of interest rate yield to prospective bondholders in order to sell the Authority's bonds. This began the week of January 21, 2008 and was resolved with the refunding on May 15, 2008. The Authority, during the 21 weeks of higher interest rates leading up to the refunding, averaged 6.46 percent in its interest payments to bondholders. This was approximately double what the Authority had been paying during the period leading up to January 21, 2008. Under the refunding the Authority issued the new series 2008 variable rate revenue refunding bonds under a direct pay letter of credit issued by Allied Irish Bank. This structure provided the assurances needed by prospective bondholders to once again purchase the Authority's bonds at market rates. Following the refunding, the weekly rate decreased from a rate of 5.00 percent to 1.67 percent.

Total liabilities for the same period increased by \$3,629,270 or 0.8 percent. There were several noteworthy increases including an additional \$6,200,000 commitment to the City of Glendale for its spring training project as well as \$2,244,353 in youth sports project grants for the Authority's biennial grant program. Several lesser increases were recorded for accrued interest, net of payments, of \$294,975 to the City of Tempe, \$328,468 in interest expense related to the Arizona Cardinals payable and \$135,000 in current bond payables. These increases were partially offset by reductions in several current and noncurrent liabilities including accounts payable (\$519,456), accrued expenses (\$1,138,313), payable to City of Avondale (\$370,071), payable to City of Scottsdale (\$750,151), deferred revenue, noncurrent (\$409,723) and bonds payable, noncurrent, (\$1,484,266).

Overall, the Authority's total net assets as of June 30, 2008 decreased a total of \$21,295,197, or 35.8 percent, over the prior fiscal year.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

The change to Net Assets as seen on the Statement of Net Assets is based on the activity that is presented on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets. The presentation of the Statement reflects the revenues and expenses for the Authority during the years ended June 30, 2009, 2008 and 2007. The reader will see the revenues and expenses broken down into operating and nonoperating categories.

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	2007
Operating revenues	\$ 10,334,245	\$ 13,110,615	\$ 19,282,865
Operating expenses	<u>37,442,327</u>	<u>41,540,495</u>	<u>45,109,666</u>
Operating loss	(27,108,082)	(28,429,880)	(25,826,801)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>11,092,444</u>	<u>7,134,683</u>	<u>(73,632,422)</u>
Net income before contributions	(16,015,638)	(21,295,197)	(99,459,223)
Capital contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,587,181</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets	(16,015,638)	(21,295,197)	(97,872,042)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>38,113,515</u>	<u>59,408,712</u>	<u>157,280,754</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 22,097,877</u>	<u>\$ 38,113,515</u>	<u>\$ 59,408,712</u>

Overall, from 2008 to 2009 the decrease in net assets of \$16,015,638 was attributable to relatively normal operating and nonoperating conditions with the Authority. Operating revenues were lower in 2009 by \$2,776,369 as compared to 2008. Likewise, operating expenses were also lower during 2009 by \$4,098,168. This is attributable to the economic recession's impact on fewer, mega-type events generating revenues at the University of Phoenix Stadium and the Authority's focus on operational cost cutting.

For fiscal year 2009, the Authority recorded \$11,092,444 in net non-operating revenues; an improvement of \$3,957,761, or 55.5 percent, over 2008. The events accounting for this net year-over-year positive result are as follows:

- The Authority recorded no expenses related to the Cactus league in fiscal year 2009. The prior year, 2008, the Authority recorded an additional \$6,200,000 for the City of Glendale project. And, in 2007, the Authority granted and expensed \$91,175,000 to the projects in the cities of Glendale and Goodyear.
- The Authority recorded no expenses related to youth and amateur sports projects in 2009 unlike the expense of \$2,063,915 recorded the prior fiscal year. The Authority began its current biennial grant bid program at the end of 2009 with awards being projected to be awarded around the midpoint of fiscal year 2010. The Authority has chosen to use a biennial cycle in order to accumulate more funds in the youth and amateur sports fund which allows for a bigger, positive impact in the community.
- The Authority's tourism-based tax revenues, the hotel bed tax and the rental car tax, decreased for the second year in a row as the economy as a whole continues to languish in the current recession. The tourism industry in Arizona continues to be significantly impacted as tourism is the state's leading industry sector. On a combined basis, our tourism revenues were down as compared to 2008 by \$4,229,273, 16.7 percent. We are seeing a continued deterioration in the tourism revenues as they have declined another 16.3% through the first two months of fiscal year 2010. We continue to forecast that it may take another year or more to see this trend stabilize and begin to reverse itself.

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- The Authority experienced an increase in the NFL income taxes of \$78,912, or 1.9 percent, from the prior year. Since the start of fiscal year 2008 the Authority's has not had the benefit of this revenue source's guaranteed minimum which was repealed by the state legislative and executive branches. The elimination of the guarantee left only the actual income taxes for the Authority which have been underperforming, compared to Prop 302 projections, since the Authority's second year of operations. This revenue source is related to the state income tax liability of the Cardinals' organization and their personnel – both administrative and player.
- The Authority's sales tax recapture revenues were higher by \$653,521, or 10.1 percent, than the prior fiscal year. The primary reason for this increase was related to the Arizona Cardinals hosting two home playoff games which generated additional sales tax recapture revenues for the Authority. The Authority receives both a state and local sales tax recapture from all related taxable transactions held at the University of Phoenix Stadium.
- Interest income decreased by \$582,358, or 67.6 percent. This was due to lower available fund balances caused by lower revenues and a significant decrease in average investment interest rates.
- The distribution to the Arizona Office of Tourism increased \$270,253, or 5 percent, over fiscal year 2008. This percentage increase is statutory and will be distributed on an annual basis through May 2031.
- Interest expense increased by \$270,770, or 1.7 percent. During 2009 the Authority experienced a significant decrease (64.1%) in the weighted average interest rates paid on its variable rate bonds. However, this decrease was partially offset by the additional interest expense accruing for the Cactus league projects in Goodyear and Glendale.

Overall, from 2007 to 2008 the decrease in net assets of \$21,295,198 was attributable to relatively normal operating and nonoperating conditions with the Authority. Operating revenues were lower in 2008 by \$5,687,222 as compared to 2007. Likewise, operating expenses were also lower during 2008 over 2007 by \$3,084,139. This is partially attributable to the stadium's second year of operations which was marked by fewer mega-events compared to its first year of operation (2007).

For fiscal year 2008, the Authority recorded \$7,134,687 in net non-operating revenues; an improvement of \$80,767,109 over 2007. The events accounting for this year-over-year positive change are as follows:

- The Authority recorded, in fiscal year 2007, \$91,175,000 in expenses related to Cactus League stadium construction projects for the cities of Goodyear (\$37,375,000) and Glendale (\$53,800,000). In fiscal year 2008 the Authority recorded an additional \$6,200,000 for the City of Glendale project. This lower expense accounted for \$84,975,000 of the overall year-over-year net positive result.
- The Authority recorded an expense of \$2,063,915 for the grants awarded by its board of directors under the Authority's biennial youth and amateur sports grant program. These grants were awarded midway through fiscal year 2008 and are expected to be finished and fully funded by mid-fiscal year 2009. The Authority will begin its next biennial grant bid program prior to the end of fiscal year 2009 with awards being granted around the midpoint of fiscal year 2010. The Authority has chosen to use a biennial cycle in order to accumulate more funds in the youth and amateur sports fund which allows for a bigger, positive impact in the community.

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- The Authority's tourism-based tax revenues, the hotel bed tax and the rental car tax, did not increase over the prior fiscal year as the economy as a whole was suffering. The tourism industry in Arizona was significantly impacted as tourism is the state's leading industry sector. On a combined basis, our tourism revenues were down by \$123,817, 0.5%, over the prior fiscal year. It is anticipated that it may take a year or more to see this trend stabilize and begin to reverse itself based on the current state of the economy at home and abroad.
- The Authority experienced a decrease in the NFL income taxes of \$1,027,188, or 20.0 percent, from the prior year. This decrease was the direct result of the state legislative and executive branches removal of the NFL income taxes' guaranteed minimum clause. The elimination of the guarantee left only the actual income taxes for the Authority which have been underperforming, compared to Prop 302 projections, since the Authority's second year of operations. This revenue source is related to the state income tax liability of the Cardinals' organization and their personnel – both administrative and player. The Authority, for fiscal year 2009, is scheduled to receive \$4,200,144 – a net increase of \$78,807 or 2.0 percent over 2008.
- The Authority's sales tax recapture revenues were lower by \$74,100, or 1.1 percent, less than the prior fiscal year. The economy had an impact on the number of events and attendance at the stadium which directly impacted the taxable revenues generated. The Authority receives both a state and local sales tax recapture from all related taxable transactions held at the University of Phoenix Stadium.
- Interest income decreased by \$57,403, or 5.6 percent. This was due to lower available fund balances for investment further impacted by lower average interest rates.
- The distribution to the Arizona Office of Tourism increased \$257,384, or 5 percent, over fiscal year 2007. This percentage increase is statutory and will be distributed on an annual basis through May 2031.
- There was a net increase of \$277,104 in our swap payment expense and a corresponding decrease of \$90,157 to our swap receipt income. This combined increase in expense/reduction in income of \$367,261 was a direct result of the credit crisis in the financial marketplace which led to the Authority's refunding of its entire Series 2005A variable rate demand revenue bonds on May 15, 2008. The interest rates associated with the Authority's variable rate bonds as well as with its fixed payer swap had the compounding effect of higher interest rates which led to an increase in our swap payments.

Statements of Cash Flow

The last statements presented are the Statements of Cash Flows. The statement presents detailed information about the activities involving cash and cash equivalents, and the statement is broken down into five parts. The first part of the statement relates to the operating cash flow and shows the net cash used to operate the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority; the second relates to the cash flow resulting from noncapital financing activities; the third relates to cash flow from capital and related financial activities; the fourth relates to the cash flow from capital and related investing activities; and the fifth reconciles the net cash used to the operating loss on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets.

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Statements of Cash Flows

	June 30		
	2009	2008	2007
CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY			
Operating activities	\$ (9,382,934)	\$ (12,742,313)	\$ (13,166,048)
Noncapital financing activities	11,994,281	12,926,794	15,689,633
Capital and related financing activities	(1,012,187)	(913,211)	(7,415,791)
Investing activities	290,725	873,085	1,022,274
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,889,885	144,355	(3,869,932)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	28,811,945	28,667,590	33,008,491
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 30,701,830	\$ 28,811,945	\$ 29,138,559

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, the Authority realized an overall net increase in cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year of \$1,889,885, or 6.6 percent. This positive change is attributed to the Authority's operating activities and its focus on cost cutting to the stadium's operations while revenues are currently declining.

The noncapital financing activities experienced a net negative change of \$1,204,842, or 9.1 percent, versus 2008. This was attributable to the decline in the Authority's primary revenues, the tourism revenues, in addition to higher payments to the Cactus league and youth and amateur sports.

The Authority's investing activities are comprised of overnight investments through fund balance sweeps. Decreased revenues have meant lower, investable balances and this combined with the significant decrease to investment interest rates during 2009 has resulted in a decrease of \$560,838, or 64.2 percent, over 2008.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the Authority realized an overall net increase in cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year of \$144,355, or 0.5 percent. This positive change is attributed to the Authority's capital and related financing activities which experienced a \$6,502,580 positive swing versus 2007. The completion of the stadium construction project meant that capital contributions from the Arizona Cardinals as well as stadium construction expenditures were both minimal in 2008 resulting in a net positive cash impact of \$8,755,527. Offsetting this net positive cash change were a decrease of \$2,580,000 related to our bond refunding activities, \$367,261 in additional swap payments and an additional \$170,000 in bond principal payments during FY2008.

The net improvement in the capital and related financing activities was partially offset by a net decrease of \$2,762,839, or 18 percent, in our noncapital financing activities. Decreases to our nonoperating revenues such as hotel bed tax (\$125,156), car rental surcharge (\$55,467), sales tax recapture (\$1,551,292) and NFL income tax (\$1,027,188) combined with increases to expenses such as the Arizona Office of Tourism (\$257,384) were among the contributing factors.

The Authority's cash flow from operating activities increased over 2007 by \$423,735, or 3 percent. This was expected as operating costs for the second year of stadium operations were significantly reduced from the higher startup costs during the stadium's first year of operations.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The Authority had minimal additions to capital assets during fiscal year 2009. The Authority, through the City of Glendale, was awarded a \$191,787 Homeland Security grant for security improvements at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Improvements to the security camera system and the addition of bollards at the top of the south end access ramp to the Stadium were made under the grant. The work was completed prior to the end of the fiscal year with the final cash reimbursement being received from the City of Glendale in July 2009.

The Authority had minimal additions to capital assets during fiscal year 2008. The \$250,000 in additions resulted from an amendment to the Authority's Concessions Services Agreement with Volume Services, Inc. (d/b/a Centerplate) effective August 1, 2007. In exchange for the Authority granting of a one year extension to Centerplate they agreed to provide an additional \$250,000 in capital improvements to the food and beverage experience at the stadium. As with the original services agreement, the Authority signed a promissory note for the additional amount of the improvements.

In fiscal year 2007 the final wrap-up of the stadium construction project occurred, with the exception of a landscaping issue (which was resolved during fiscal year 2009), as well as stadium improvements by the Authority and its tenant, the Arizona Sports Foundation (d/b/a the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl). The Authority and the Arizona Sports Foundation funded nearly \$7.0 million in improvements to the loft and service levels of the stadium between August 2006 and January 2007. Unimproved spaces on the loft level were converted into three mega-suites with each providing for upwards of 140 attendees. At the service level, previously entombed spaces were converted to approximately 14,000 square feet of additional exhibition, meeting, office and storage room uses.

The cost for the entire stadium project plus the additional improvements was approximately \$464.7 million, including land and on-site improvements, of which the Authority provided an estimated \$303.5 million.

Economic Factors and Next Fiscal Year Budget

There is forecasted improvement from 2009 to 2010, although it is not expected to be permanent in nature. For 2010 we continue to expect a further decrease in our primary revenues – the tourism revenues. There are projected increases in several of our facility related revenues but they are either tied to several of the mega-events that we have contracted for in 2010 or are related to a one-time receipt of NFL income taxes that were incorrectly calculated by the Arizona Department of Revenue for prior years. We continue to forecast a series of operating deficits both in the near-term and the long-term. Economic conditions, both nationally and locally, have continued to contribute to a downturn in the Authority's primary source of revenues – its tourism revenues. This, coupled with higher, scheduled distributions for senior bond debt service of \$1.1 million, tourism promotion of \$0.3 million, and youth and amateur sports of \$0.1 million is placing additional pressure on declining current revenues as well as existing operating reserves.

Based on the Authority's statutory flow of funds, the first items to be impacted by lower revenues and higher, required distributions are the reserves for youth and amateur sports, operations and capital and repair and replacement. Following the reserves, the Authority's operating budget, which includes the operating budget for the University of Phoenix Stadium, will continue to be directly impacted by our projected operating deficits.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority's finances for all interested parties. Requests for additional information may be made by contacting us at Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85305 Attn: Finance Department. Additional information on the Authority's finances may be found on our website, www.az-sta.com, under the Archives section.

ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 30,701,830	\$ 28,811,945
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	697,102	846,224
Hotel bed tax and car rental surcharge receivables	2,787,574	3,334,924
Sales tax recapture receivables	1,315,970	1,571,980
Other assets	32,098	36,035
Total current assets	<u>35,534,574</u>	<u>34,601,108</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital assets non-depreciable	2,773,165	2,773,165
Capital assets depreciable, net	439,470,341	454,870,558
Deferred bond issue costs, net	8,363,215	8,855,828
Total noncurrent assets	<u>450,606,721</u>	<u>466,499,551</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 486,141,295</u>	<u>\$ 501,100,659</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 619,614	\$ 1,511,631
Accrued expenses	5,245,228	1,663,350
Payable to City of Avondale	408,382	370,071
YAS grant award payable	534,890	2,012,106
Bond principal payable	3,770,000	1,135,000
Bond interest payable	6,114,780	6,161,082
Deferred revenue	717,497	691,700
Current portion of capital lease obligation	-	5,251
Total current liabilities	<u>17,410,391</u>	<u>13,550,191</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payable to City of Avondale	986,447	1,394,830
Payable to Arizona Cardinals	7,223,867	6,879,873
Cactus League Payable	130,638,300	128,658,004
Deferred revenue	-	590,277
Bonds principal payable	307,784,413	311,913,969
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>446,633,027</u>	<u>449,436,953</u>
Total liabilities	<u>464,043,418</u>	<u>462,987,144</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	158,969,640	174,713,850
Unrestricted	(136,871,763)	(136,600,335)
Total net assets	<u>22,097,877</u>	<u>38,113,515</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 486,141,295</u>	<u>\$ 501,100,659</u>

ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Stadium operating revenues	\$ 10,334,245	\$ 13,110,615
Total operating revenues	<u>10,334,245</u>	<u>13,110,615</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Stadium management operations	19,864,844	22,671,004
Legal	171,526	255,057
Consulting	12,333	15,548
Payroll	550,877	610,637
Professional fees	140,501	40,500
Marketing and promotion	6,913	19,262
Bank management and service fees	107,804	72,536
Insurance	108,920	98,681
Travel	4,277	10,712
Meetings	995	1,456
Office	11,674	20,995
Communications	13,986	13,058
Depreciation	15,592,004	15,567,041
Amortization of deferred bond issue costs	492,613	1,830,075
Remarketing and liquidity fees	363,060	313,933
Total operating expenses	<u>37,442,327</u>	<u>41,540,495</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(27,108,082)</u>	<u>(28,429,880)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Arizona tourism distribution	(5,675,307)	(5,405,054)
Cactus League facility expense	-	(6,200,000)
Youth and amateur sports grant awards	(12,181)	(2,063,915)
Hotel bed tax	12,341,683	15,042,646
Rental car tax	8,795,959	10,324,270
NFL income tax	4,200,252	4,121,340
Sales tax recapture	7,198,833	6,447,123
Interest income	290,725	873,083
Interest expense	(16,367,368)	(16,096,596)
Miscellaneous grant and other income	319,848	91,786
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>11,092,444</u>	<u>7,134,683</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(16,015,638)	(21,295,197)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>38,113,515</u>	<u>59,408,712</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u><u>\$ 22,097,877</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,113,515</u></u>

ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from events (Stadium Operations)	\$ 9,918,887	\$ 13,149,464
Cash paid for events (Stadium Operations)	(17,954,491)	(24,465,686)
Cash paid to employees	(550,877)	(610,638)
Cash paid for other operating expenses	(796,453)	(815,453)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(9,382,934)</u>	<u>(12,742,313)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for Arizona Office of Tourism	(5,182,822)	(5,405,054)
Payments for Youth and Amateur Sports	(1,859,469)	(1,079,175)
Payments to Cactus League	(1,226,540)	(455,176)
Receipts from hotel bed tax	13,127,771	15,090,745
Receipts from rental car tax	8,557,221	10,318,761
Receipts from NFL Income tax	4,200,252	4,121,340
Receipts from sales tax recapture	7,454,843	6,257,662
Interest payments	(13,076,975)	(15,922,309)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>11,994,281</u>	<u>12,926,794</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for senior and subordinate bond principal	(1,135,000)	(1,000,000)
Payments on capital leases	(5,251)	(4,997)
Proceeds from advance refunding	-	53,050,000
Defeased senior bonds	-	(53,050,000)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(191,784)	-
Cash received for acquisition of capital assets and miscellaneous	319,848	91,786
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,012,187)</u>	<u>(913,211)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	290,725	873,085
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>290,725</u>	<u>873,085</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,889,885	144,355
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	<u>28,811,945</u>	<u>28,667,590</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 30,701,830</u>	<u>\$ 28,811,945</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating loss	\$ (27,108,082)	\$ (28,429,880)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation	15,592,004	15,567,041
Amortization of deferred bond issue costs	492,613	916,778
Bad debt expense	-	485,028
(Increase) decrease in		
Accounts receivable, net	149,122	377,002
Other assets	3,934	(512)
Increase (decrease) in		
Accounts payable	(892,017)	(519,456)
Accrued expenses	2,943,972	(1,138,314)
Deferred revenue	(564,480)	-
	<u>\$ (9,382,934)</u>	<u>\$ (12,742,313)</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contribution of FFE for a future liability	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (250,000)</u>
Accrual of interest on noncurrent liabilities		
Cactus League	\$ 3,206,835	\$ -
The Arizona Cardinals	343,994	328,467
	<u>\$ 3,550,829</u>	<u>\$ 328,467</u>

ARIZONA SPORTS AND TOURISM AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 AND 2008

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (the “Authority”), was formed on August 9, 2000, as a political subdivision of the State of Arizona empowered, among other things:

- to construct, finance, furnish, maintain, improve, own, operate, market, and promote the use of the University of Phoenix Stadium suitable to be used to accommodate sporting events and entertainment, cultural, civic, meeting, trade show or convention events or activities, including a stadium, on-site infrastructure, parking garages and lots and related commercial uses within the facility in Maricopa County,
- to acquire land or construct, finance, furnish, improve market or promote the use of existing or proposed major league baseball spring training facilities located in Maricopa County,
- to acquire land or construct, finance, furnish, maintain, improve, operate, market or promote the use of community youth and amateur sports facilities, recreational facilities and other community facilities or programs in Maricopa County.

Fiscal year 2009 represented the Authority’s ninth full year of operations and its third year of stadium operations. The Authority began and ended the year with three full-time employees and was engaged in all activities under its charter.

The Authority opened the University of Phoenix Stadium in August 2006 under its stadium management operating agreement with Global Spectrum, L.P. (“Global”) and with Volume Services, Inc. (d/b/a/ Centerplate) for concession services.

Global acts as the fiscal agent of the Authority and receives all of its working capital requirements from the Authority on the basis of an annual budget and operating plan approved by the Authority’s board of directors. The annual financial results for Global are reported separately as a division of the Authority and are rolled into and consolidated with the Authority’s annual financial results. The Authority’s management agreement with Global included a thirty-six month term from opening date which will terminate in August 2009. Under the original agreement with Global there were two one-year extension options available for consideration. On July 1, 2009, however, the Authority and Global entered into a modified, operating agreement extension with the first portion encompassing a nine-month period ending on March 31, 2010 followed by a second renewal term of thirty-nine months which would end on June 30, 2013.

Centerplate operates as an independent service provider to the Authority and is solely responsible for all its financial activities at the Stadium. The Authority’s agreement with Centerplate was for an initial term of two years. Centerplate was granted a one-year extension in 2008 and their final one-year extension in 2009 by the Authority board of directors. The Authority issued a Request for Proposal for concession services at the Stadium in July 2009. It is expected that a final decision on the selection of the Stadium concessionaire will be made in November 2009 by the Authority’s board of directors.

The Authority has two, long-term Stadium tenants. The Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League and the Arizona Sports Foundation doing business as the Tostito’s Fiesta Bowl (“Fiesta Bowl”). The Arizona Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl began their respective thirty year use agreements at the time the Stadium opened in August 2006.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accounting policies of the Authority conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as applicable to an enterprise fund of a governmental unit. Enterprise funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the cash flows. The Authority has elected, in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Activities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989. The Authority has elected to implement GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Government*; GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*; GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures* and GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues and expenses of the Authority are those generally related to the on-going operations at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The Authority's books and records include separate accounts: a general account, construction account, tourism revenue clearing account, non-pledged facility revenue clearing account, tourism account, youth and amateur sports account, debt service account, subordinate bond proceeds account, Cactus League account, and pledged facility revenue clearing account. These "accounts" have been combined in the accompanying financial statements. All material interaccount transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements that conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Equivalents

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables

Accounts receivable represents amounts due to the Authority from stadium operations, requiring payment upon receipt of the invoice. Unpaid accounts receivable may bear, at the Authority's discretion, interest at a rate of 1.5% per month (18% per annum) or the maximum as permitted by law, whichever is less. Accounts receivable also includes uncollected Fiesta Bowl game day expenses.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable may be reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of uncollectible amounts. Management reviews all accounts receivable balances monthly and based on an assessment of creditworthiness estimates the portion, if any, of the balances that will not be collected.

Hotel bed tax, car rental surcharge, and sales tax recapture receivables are due from the Arizona State Treasurer's office and are paid approximately two months in arrears.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Use of Restricted Assets

The Authority's assets are restricted based on existing statutory language. As such, the Authority employs these resources first when expenses of the Authority are incurred. All cash and cash equivalents are restricted as to use by the State of Arizona. Restrictions on use are as follows:

- The Tourism Revenue Clearing Account is fully allocated on a monthly basis for those requirements as outlined in the Flow of Funds.
- The Debt Service Accounts, including the subordinate reserve, are used for meeting bondholder obligations.
- The Tourism Account is used for tourism promotion purposes.
- The Cactus League account is restricted to the promotion of spring training baseball.
- The Youth and Amateur Sports account is for the awarding of matching grants for those express purposes.
- The operating general account is used for the Authority's approved annual operating budget expenses as well as for fulfilling the Authority's statutory youth and amateur sports, operating and capital reserve requirements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost. Assets are depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to forty years. Amortization of capital assets acquired through a capital lease is included in depreciation expense. Capital assets are defined by the Authority as an asset reported on the balance sheet with an initial cost of \$5,000 or greater and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

The Authority utilizes the following useful lives for determining depreciation:

<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Useful Life (in months)</u>
Constructed buildings	480
Stadium equipment	180
Stadium furnishings and fixtures	60
Computer hardware	60
Office equipment	60
Spare parts inventory	36
Capital leases	*

(*) Determined by governing agreement

The Authority reviews its property and equipment whenever events indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recorded when the sum of the future cash flows is materially less than the carrying amount of the asset. An impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. No impairment loss is recorded at June 30, 2009 and 2008.

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Costs of Borrowing

The Authority amortizes deferred bond issue costs using the effective interest method for the 2003 and 2007 bonds and the straight-line method for the 2008 bonds over the term of the bonds.

Derivative Policy

The Authority has entered into an interest rate swap agreement. The Authority's policy for derivatives follows GASB Technical Bulletin 2003-1. In accordance with this standard the Authority is required to make certain disclosures are required (Note 15) and does not record the fair value of the derivative instrument in the Statement of Activities.

Tax Status

The Authority is a municipal corporation and is exempt from federal and state income tax as well as property tax.

Revenue Recognition

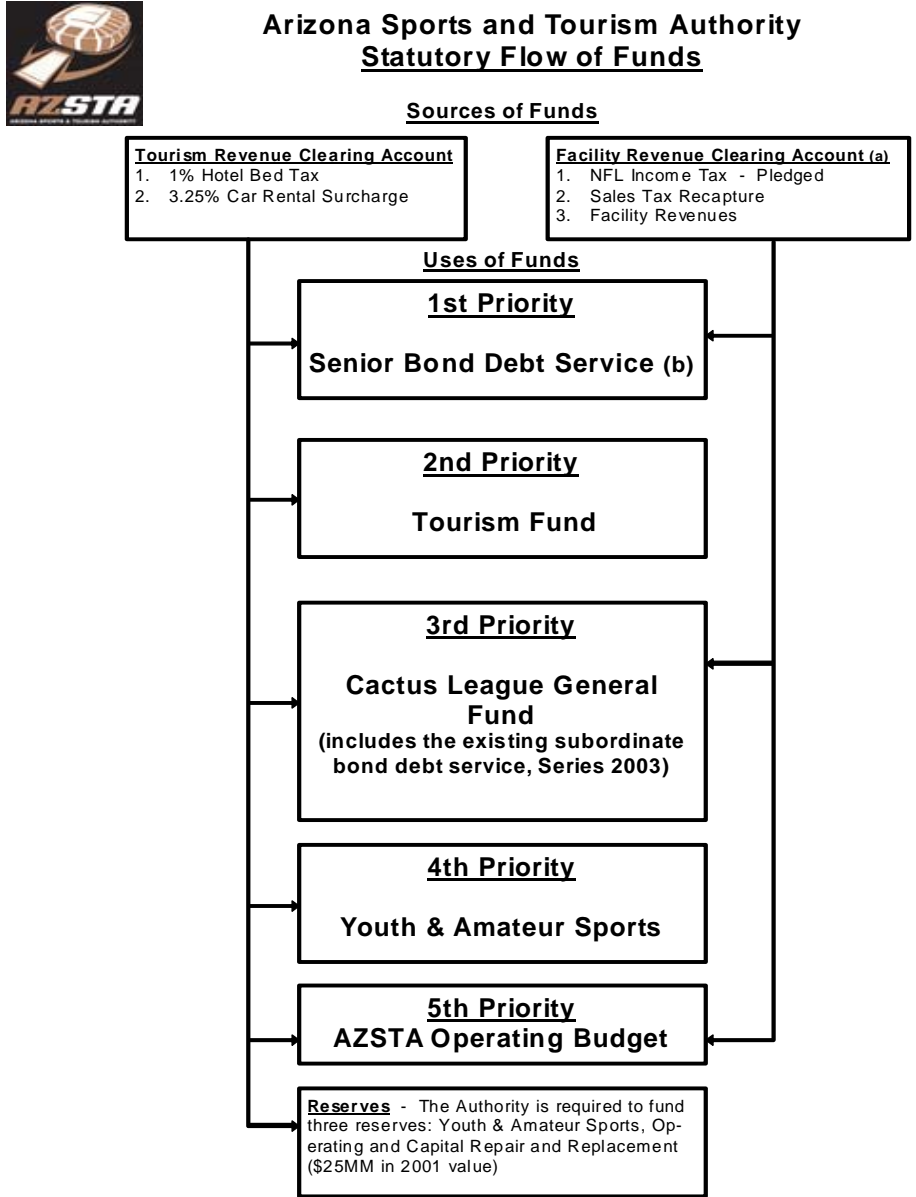
The Authority recognizes revenue from car rental surcharges, hotel bed tax, income taxes related to a professional football franchise, sales tax recapture, event earnings and facility user rentals on the accrual basis as earned.

- The car rental surcharge is a 3.25 percent surcharge on applicable rental car contracts in Maricopa County (less \$2.50 which goes to the Maricopa County Stadium District ("MCSA")).
- The hotel bed tax is a one percent tax on lodging transactions in Maricopa County.
- The income taxes are associated with the state income tax liability of the Arizona Cardinals' organization, its employees and their spouses.
- Sales tax recapture revenues are generated by all taxable transactions at the Stadium which are remitted to the State of Arizona and the City of Glendale.
- Event revenues are deferred until completion of the event, at which time a financial settlement is made with the promoter. Revenues come from a variety of activities including building rents, concessions and catering, novelties, exhibitor services and other miscellaneous revenues.
- Facility user rentals are amounts paid by the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl for their use of the Stadium. The Cardinals annual rent started at \$250,000 per year and grows by two percent per year thereafter. The Fiesta Bowl pays a ticket surcharge which started at \$2.50 per ticket and increases by \$0.20 per ticket per year.

The Authority's revenues are defined by Arizona Revised Statute as to the priority of their use.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following Flow of Funds diagram outlines the priority in which the Authority's revenues are allocated.



Footnotes

- (a) The Facility RCA is used for debt service requirements on senior and subordinate bonds. Any remaining funds go to the operations account.
- (b) All sources of revenue of the Authority (except for the non-pledged portion of the NFL Income Tax) are pledged to the Authority's senior and subordinate bond debt service above all other distribution priorities.

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Description of Accounts

Tourism Revenue Clearing Account

The Tourism Revenue Clearing Account (“TRCA”) receives the tourism tax revenues from the hotel bed tax and the car rental surcharge. The taxes began in March 2001 and will be collected through February 2031. These revenues are then distributed on the second Tuesday of the following month in the following order of priority:

- The first priority is to the actual debt service on bonds issued to finance the construction of the University of Phoenix Stadium. The debt service amount to be distributed from the TRCA is limited to \$165.5 million of the total bond principal amount.
- The second funding priority is to the tourism account based on \$4.0 million in the first 12 months growing by five percent every 12-month period thereafter during the term of the tourism taxes.
- The third funding priority is to promote and market Cactus League baseball as well as to meet the Subordinate Bond debt service requirements. This account will receive \$250,000 per month during the first 84 months and increases per the statute’s requirements thereafter.
- The fourth funding priority is youth and amateur sports, which is to receive \$1.0 million in its first 12 months increasing by \$100,000 every 12-month period thereafter during the term of the tourism taxes.
- The next priority is the Authority’s annual operating budget which also includes the Stadium operating budget as managed by the stadium management company, Global Spectrum, L. P. The distribution is based on the total fiscal year’s operating budget divided into equal monthly installments.
- The final funding priority is for three reserve accounts: the youth and amateur sports reserve, the operating reserve and a capital repair and replacement reserve.

Facility Revenue Clearing Accounts – Pledged and Non-Pledged

On August 27, 2002, the Arizona Court of Appeals ruled in the Long lawsuit that the Authority cannot constitutionally pledge income taxes paid by Cardinals’ employees or their spouses on income unrelated to professional football. The Authority also is prohibited from pledging monies received under A.R.S. § 42-1116(C) in excess of the income taxes paid by the Cardinals and by Cardinals’ employees on income related to professional football. The Court’s ruling only affects the Authority’s ability to pledge these tax revenues for repayment of bonds, not its ability to receive the revenues provided by the Authority legislation. As a result of this ruling, the Authority will utilize its best efforts based on the limited information available from the Arizona Department of Revenue to determine annually what portion of the NFL Franchise income tax will be distributed to the pledged account and the non-pledged account. That amount which is distributed to the pledged account (which is held inside the trust) will be combined with the other Facility Revenue sources of funding for use in meeting the Authority’s debt service obligations. That portion which is considered unrelated to professional football and therefore not able to be pledged per the Court’s ruling is distributed to the Non-Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account held outside of the trust.

The Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account receives the following revenue sources: the professional football franchise income tax, the state and local sales tax recapture revenues, Fiesta Bowl ticket surcharge, Cardinals annual rent and all other events revenues from Stadium operations. These revenues are used for one primary purpose – to fund a portion of the debt service for the Authority’s outstanding senior and subordinate bond issues.

The Non-Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account receives that portion of the professional football franchise income tax which is determined as being non-football related. This account is designated strictly for meeting the Authority’s operating expenses.

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Reclassifications

Certain accounts in the prior-year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation in the current-year financial statements.

NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Authority had total cash and cash equivalents on deposit of \$30,701,830 and \$28,811,945, respectively, through its commercial bank and bond trustee accounts. The Authority maintains its commercial accounts with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N. A. and its trust accounts with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N. A.

The Authority, throughout the year, maintains cash at these financial institutions in excess of the \$250,000 per bank limit insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The Authority has cash balances on deposit with multiple financial institutions that exceed the balance insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$30,201,830 and \$28,611,945 at June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

At June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Authority's commercial bank accounts at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N. A. accounted for a total of \$13,768,047 and \$12,605,146, respectively, of all cash and cash equivalents. The Authority, at June 30, 2009 and 2008, had cash and cash equivalents with a carrying value of \$13,768,047 and \$12,605,146, respectively, invested in overnight money markets. The carrying value of all other commercial bank deposits at June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$0 and \$0, respectively. In addition to these commercial bank amounts, the Authority, through its operating division, Global Spectrum, maintained petty cash accounts in the amounts of \$200 and \$200 respectively for 2009 and 2008.

The Authority had a total of \$16,933,423 and \$16,206,599, respectively for 2009 and 2008, in its trust accounts. All trust related accounts and their funds were invested and recorded on the balance sheet at a value of \$16,933,423 and \$16,206,599, respectively for 2009 and 2008. Proceeds to purchase these marketable securities, which consist of overnight money markets, were derived from the Authority's senior bond issue, construction sales tax recapture, contributed capital, related debt service accounts for both the senior and subordinate bond issues, Cactus League, Tourism Revenue, Pledged Facility Revenue Clearing Account and the Construction Trust Account.

NOTE 4 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Accounts receivable	\$ 697,102	\$ 1,331,252
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(485,028)
	<u>\$ 697,102</u>	<u>\$ 846,224</u>

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NOTE 5 – RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets consisted of the following at June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 30,701,830	\$ 28,811,945
Accounts receivable	697,102	846,224
Hotel tax receivable and car rental surcharge receivables	2,787,574	3,334,924
Sales tax recapture receivable	1,315,970	1,571,980
	<u>\$ 35,502,476</u>	<u>\$ 34,565,073</u>

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2009:

	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>June 30, 2009</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,773,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,773,165
	<u>2,773,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,773,165</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
University of Phoenix Stadium	476,234,133	119,787	-	476,353,920
Stadium FF&E	9,571,713	72,000	-	9,643,713
Computer equipment	48,103	-	-	48,103
Furniture and fixtures	133,563	-	-	133,563
Office equipment	15,577	-	-	15,577
Capitalized software	10,168	-	-	10,168
Assets under capital lease	60,039	-	-	60,039
	<u>486,073,296</u>	<u>191,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>486,265,083</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
University of Phoenix Stadium	(28,114,315)	(14,060,152)	-	(42,174,467)
Stadium FF&E	(2,884,079)	(1,503,897)	-	(4,387,976)
Computer equipment	(44,054)	(4,050)	-	(48,104)
Furniture and fixtures	(87,609)	(15,568)	-	(103,177)
Office equipment	(8,402)	(2,410)	-	(10,812)
Capitalized software	(9,492)	(676)	-	(10,168)
Assets under capital lease	(54,787)	(5,251)	-	(60,038)
	<u>(31,202,738)</u>	<u>(15,592,004)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(46,794,742)</u>
	<u>\$ 457,643,723</u>	<u>\$ (15,400,217)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 442,243,506</u>

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Capital asset activity consisted of the following for the year ended June 30, 2008:

	<u>June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,773,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,773,165
	<u>2,773,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,773,165</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
University of Phoenix Stadium	476,234,133	-	-	476,234,133
Stadium FF&E	9,321,713	250,000	-	9,571,713
Computer equipment	48,103	-	-	48,103
Furniture and fixtures	133,563	-	-	133,563
Office equipment	15,577	-	-	15,577
Capitalized software	10,168	-	-	10,168
Assets under capital lease	60,039	-	-	60,039
	<u>485,823,296</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>486,073,296</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
University of Phoenix Stadium	(14,057,157)	(14,057,158)	-	(28,114,315)
Stadium FF&E	(1,399,791)	(1,484,288)	-	(2,884,079)
Computer equipment	(42,351)	(1,703)	-	(44,054)
Furniture and fixtures	(71,961)	(15,648)	-	(87,609)
Office equipment	(5,992)	(2,410)	-	(8,402)
Capitalized software	(8,654)	(838)	-	(9,492)
Assets under capital lease	(49,791)	(4,996)	-	(54,787)
	<u>(15,635,697)</u>	<u>(15,567,041)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(31,202,738)</u>
	<u>\$ 472,960,764</u>	<u>\$ (15,317,041)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 457,643,723</u>

NOTE 7 - NONCURRENT LIABILITIES – CITY OF AVONDALE

The Authority entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Avondale, Arizona in September 2001 to help finance the construction of a youth sports field. The Authority's board of directors committed \$3,430,000 million plus associated financing costs to the repayment of approximately 67% of the total project value. The Authority pledged a total of 25% of its annual youth and amateur sports statutory funding to the repayment of this obligation which will mature in fiscal year 2012.

Balances due to the City of Avondale were as follows as of June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Payable to City of Avondale	<u>\$ 986,447</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,830</u>

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NOTE 8 - NONCURRENT LIABILITIES – ARIZONA CARDINALS

Arizona Cardinals

The Authority recorded \$6,239,434 in fiscal year 2006 as a noncurrent liability to B&B Holdings, Inc. (d/b/a/ The Arizona Cardinals) per the August 15, 2005 Facility Use Agreement. The nature of this liability is the repayment of a portion of the costs incurred by the Arizona Cardinals for on-site improvements and for the purchase of the 165 acres of land on which the stadium and its adjacent parking reside. Repayment of this liability is projected to begin in 2012 and is to be funded from the Authority's newest revenues which began following the opening of the stadium in August 2006.

Balances due to The Arizona Cardinals were as follows as of June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Payable to The Arizona Cardinals, accruing interest at 5% annually. Payments of principal and accrued interest to begin June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 7,223,867</u>	<u>\$ 6,879,873</u>

NOTE 9 - NONCURRENT LIABILITIES – CACTUS LEAGUE PAYABLE

Cactus League Payable

The Authority, through its Cactus league promotion account, provides financing assistance to cities in Maricopa County which host Major League Baseball spring training teams. As of the end of fiscal year 2009 the Authority has provided financing or funding commitments for three new stadiums and the renovation of three existing stadiums.

The following is a listing of the cities, the teams and the projects which are included on the Authority's Statement of Net Assets:

City	Team(s)	Agreement Year	Project Completed	Principal Amount	Interest Rate
Tempe, Arizona	Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	2004	2006	\$ 12,000,000	4.3974%
Scottsdale, Arizona	San Francisco Giants	2005	2007	\$ 20,000,000	4.4540%
Goodyear, Arizona	Cleveland Indians	2007	2009	\$ 37,375,000	4.7726%
Glendale, Arizona	Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers	2007	2009	\$ 60,000,000	5.0000%

The Authority recorded these payables as a noncurrent liability because it does not have the funding resources to pay for these projects on an upfront basis. Over the life of the tourism tax revenues (i.e. the hotel bed tax and the car rental surcharge) the funding for Cactus League is projected to be \$205,000,000 plus the amount that the Authority will receive through its agreement with the Maricopa County Stadium District. Through the Authority's IGA with each of the cities, each city is responsible for funding 100% of the project at the time of construction. The Authority accrues interest on the outstanding balance at the lesser of the actual rate each city secured through their project financing program or 5.0% per year. The Authority makes payments to the cities in accordance to the existing IGA's and as funding becomes available through the Cactus league promotion account.

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The following balances are due for Cactus League as of June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Payable to City of Tempe, accruing interest at 4.40%, payment determined from available excess car rental surcharge revenues with final payment due in 2017.	\$ 13,395,204	\$ 13,077,586
Payable to City of Scottsdale, accruing interest at 4.45%, payment determined from available excess car rental surcharge revenues with final payment due in 2017.	18,059,436	18,205,418
Payable to City of Goodyear, accruing interest at 4.40%, payments projected to begin in 2017 after repayment of City of Tempe and City of Scottsdale payables.	38,049,413	37,375,000
Payable to City of Glendale, accruing interest at 5%, payments projected to begin in 2017 after repayment of City of Tempe and City of Scottsdale payables.	<u>61,134,247</u>	<u>60,000,000</u>
	<u>\$ 130,638,300</u>	<u>\$ 128,658,004</u>

Tempe

The Authority committed a maximum of \$12 million to the City of Tempe in November 2004. The City of Tempe project was completed in February 2006. The Authority began to repay its commitment to Tempe in fiscal year 2005 from available Cactus League and Maricopa County Stadium District funds related to its excess car rental surcharge revenues. Final maturity is estimated to be in fiscal year 2017.

Scottsdale

The Authority committed a maximum of \$20 million to Scottsdale in March 2005. The City of Scottsdale project was a two-phase project with the first phase being completed in February 2006 and the second phase completed in February 2007. The Authority began to repay its commitment Scottsdale in fiscal year 2005 from available Cactus League and Maricopa County Stadium District funds related to its excess car rental surcharge revenues. Final maturity is estimated to be in fiscal year 2017.

Goodyear

The Authority committed a maximum of \$37.375 million to Goodyear in January 2007 for up to 50% of the projected cost of constructing a one-team stadium and practice facility for the Cleveland Indians. The stadium and related practice facility were completed in the fall of 2008 and were in operation for the 2009 spring training baseball season. Based on Goodyear opening the stadium the Authority started to accrue interest in fiscal year 2009. Based on the existing IGA's with the cities of Tempe and Scottsdale, it is projected that the Authority will begin to make payments to Goodyear in fiscal year 2017.

On April 7, 2008 the Authority's board of directors approved Resolution No. 2008-75 which revised the existing funding plan related to present and future Cactus League projects. A primary provision of this resolution granted up to an additional maximum of twenty million dollars to the City of Goodyear for developing a practice facility for a second team. The funding source(s) that would pay for the additional commitment to the City of Goodyear, however, does not currently exist. This commitment will become a recorded liability if there is a renewal or extension of the Authority's current revenues or the creation of a new funding source for Cactus League purposes

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after fiscal year 2031. Based on this understanding and acknowledgement by the City of Goodyear, the Authority, under GASB 33 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, will not record this additional liability to its financial statements until such time that these currently non-existent funding sources become reality.

Glendale

The Authority committed a maximum of \$60 million to Glendale in August 2007 for up to two-thirds of the projected cost of constructing a two-team stadium and practice facility for the Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The stadium and related practice facility were finished in the fall of 2008 and were in operation for the 2009 spring training baseball season. The final cost of the stadium construction is still pending, but it is expected that the Authority's maximum contribution of \$60,000,000 will remain unchanged. With the opening of the stadium the Authority started to accrue interest on the outstanding amount in fiscal year 2009. Based on the existing IGA's with the cities of Tempe and Scottsdale, it is projected that the Authority will begin to make payments to Glendale in fiscal year 2017.

NOTE 10 – BONDS PAYABLE

At June 30, 2009 and 2008, the Authority had the following bonds outstanding:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, interest from 3.00 percent to 5.00 percent, due through 3031 (Senior Bonds)	\$ 134,530,000	\$ 134,530,000
Subordinate Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, interest from 2.25 percent to 5.00 percent, due through 2016 (Subordinate Bonds)	27,830,000	28,965,000
Senior Variable Rate Demand Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008, variable rate interest, due through 2036 (Senior Bonds)	53,050,000	53,050,000
Senior Revenue Refunding Bonds (Multipurpose Stadium Facility Project) Series 2007A (Senior Bonds)	90,000,000	90,000,000
Total bonds payable	305,410,000	306,545,000
Less current portion of bonds payable	(3,770,000)	(1,135,000)
Total non-current portion of bonds payable	301,640,000	305,410,000
Plus unamortized premium	6,144,413	6,503,969
Total bonds payable plus unamortized premium	<u>\$ 307,784,413</u>	<u>\$ 311,913,969</u>

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Debt service requirements subsequent to June 30, 2009 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal Maturities</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 3,770,000	\$ 13,992,004	\$ 17,762,004
2011	5,170,000	13,785,923	18,955,923
2012	5,550,000	13,533,398	19,083,398
2013	6,125,000	13,261,158	19,386,158
2014	6,900,000	12,952,261	19,852,261
2015 - 2019	43,565,000	58,669,686	102,234,686
2020 - 2024	64,190,000	44,773,352	108,963,352
2025 - 2029	84,205,000	29,236,201	113,441,201
2030 - 2034	71,510,000	9,374,274	80,884,274
2035 - 2036	14,425,000	538,799	14,963,799
	<u>\$ 305,410,000</u>	<u>\$ 210,117,056</u>	<u>\$ 515,527,056</u>

Per the existing bond covenants the Authority is to maintain a minimum bond coverage ratio of 1.30 and 1.15 respectively for the 2003 series senior and subordinate bonds. Since the issuance of the first bonds in 2003, the Authority's revenues have exceeded these minimum coverage ratios in each and every succeeding fiscal year.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
2003A Senior Bonds	2.35	2.81
2003 Subordinate Bonds	3.64	6.87

Costs of Borrowing

The Authority's interest expense for 2009 and 2008 was \$16,367,366 and \$16,096,596, respectively. Of these totals, \$12,746,634 and \$14,272,194, respectively for 2009 and 2008, are directly related to the Authority's bond issues. The balances, \$3,620,732 and \$1,824,402 for 2009 and 2008, are related to interest expense for Authority projects related to youth and amateur sports, Cactus league and the Arizona Cardinals.

Bond Issuance Costs

The Authority has recognized and recorded on its Statement of Net Assets as deferred bond issue costs the amounts related to issuing its various senior and subordinate bonds and associated refundings. The Authority has deferred bond issue costs of \$8,363,215, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,672,726 at June 30, 2009, related to the issuance of the Senior and Subordinate Bonds. This reflects a net decrease of \$492,613 over 2008. This decrease is directly related to the Authority's scheduled amortization of these deferred costs. The prior year there was an additional amortized amount of \$1,370,088 related to the complete refunding of the Series 2005A bonds.

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Bond issuance amortization expense subsequent to June 30, 2009 is as follows:

	Bond Issuance Expense
2010	\$ 509,776
2011	528,628
2012	548,616
2013	569,394
2014	591,174
2015 - 2019	3,191,905
2020 - 2024	1,357,162
2025 - 2029	514,226
2030 - 2034	221,664
2035 - 2036	330,670
	\$ 8,363,215

Senior Bonds - Stadium Construction Related Bonds

Series 2003A Senior Bonds

In February 2003, the Authority issued \$221,950,000 in Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, interest from 3.00 percent to 5.375 percent, due through 2031 (“Senior Bonds”). The Senior Bonds are tax-exempt revenue bonds with a final maturity date in 2031. The proceeds were used, along with several other sources of funding, to finance the construction of the University of Phoenix Stadium. These bonds are insured by MBIA Insurance.

Series 2005 Senior Bonds

On September 29, 2005 the Authority issued additional senior lien debt of \$53,050,000 in tax exempt, variable rate revenue bonds. These bonds were issued in order to secure the necessary final funding for the stadium project, site improvements, extravaganza seating and related storage space build-out. These bonds are on par with the Authority’s 2003A senior bonds and share the same pledged revenues. The rate for these bonds is reset on a weekly basis.

Series 2007A Senior Bonds – Advanced Refunding

In January 2007, the Authority issued \$90,000,000 in Senior Revenue Refunding Bonds (Multipurpose Stadium Facility Project) Series 2007A as part of an advance refunding of \$87,420,000 in Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A. The Series 2007A bonds mature between 2010 and 2024 and carry coupon rates from 4.00 percent to 5.00 percent. The Authority issued the Refunding Bonds in order to replace higher interest debt instruments with those with lower interest carrying costs. The Authority realized an estimated \$2.8 million in net present value savings through the advance refunding. The net proceeds from the sale of the 2007A Refunding bonds, \$92,270,533, were put into an escrow account with the Authority’s trustee, The Bank of New York, and invested in State and Local Government Series. The escrow account will be used to pay the debt service on the old debt during the period between the refunding date and the call date. The Authority considers the amount of the Series 2003A senior bond debt, \$87,420,000, to be defeased which was reflected in its financial statements as of June 30, 2007. The refunding bonds are insured by MBIA Insurance. As of June 30, 2009 and 2008 the Authority’s financial statements recognized noncurrent liabilities for the Series 2003 bonds of \$133,000,000 and \$90,000,000 for the 2007 Refunding Bonds.

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Series 2008 Senior Bonds – Revenue Refunding

The Series 2008 Variable Rate Demand Revenue Refunding Bonds replaced the entire Series 2005A bonds with exactly the same maturity schedule as the original Series 2005A bonds. The Authority issued this refunding in response to the sub-prime mortgage issue in January 2008 which directly impacted the credit rating of the bonds' insurer, Ambac Assurance, which, in turn, created a lack of demand in the marketplace for the Authority's 2005A bonds. In order to remarket the Authority's bonds on a weekly basis, the remarketing agent for the Authority, was required to offer higher rates of interest rate yield to prospective bondholders in order to sell the Authority's bonds. This started the week of January 21, 2008 and was resolved with the refunding on May 15, 2008. The Authority, during the 21 weeks of higher interest rates, averaged a weekly interest rate of 6.46 percent. This average weekly rate was approximately two times what the Authority had been paying leading up to January 21, 2008.

Under the refunding the Authority issued the new series 2008 variable rate revenue refunding bonds with the liquidity support of a direct pay letter of credit issued by Allied Irish Bank. This new liquidity structure provided the assurances needed by prospective bondholders to once again purchase the Authority's bonds at market rates. Following the refunding, the weekly rate went from 5.00 percent to 1.67 percent. As of the issuance of these financial statements, the weekly rate has been below one percent for the past several months and average 1.0877 percent during fiscal year 2009 as compared to 3.0292 percent for fiscal year 2008.

As of June 30, 2009 the variable rate for the final week of the fiscal year was set at 1.00 percent for the Series 2008 senior variable rate demand revenue refunding bonds as compared to 1.57 percent for the same week the prior year. The basis upon which the rate is set is the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA") Municipal Swap Index. The index is a 7-day high-grade market index comprised of tax-exempt variable rate demand bonds from the Municipal Market Data's extensive database. The index typically includes 650 variable rate bond issues in any given week from a database of more than 15,000 active variable rate bond issues. The variable rate is reset on a weekly basis by the Authority's remarketing agent – RBC Capital Markets.

Series 2003 Subordinate Bonds – Cactus League Related Bonds

In February 2003, the Authority issued \$32.4 million in Subordinate Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, interest from 2.25 percent to 5.00 percent, due through 2016 ("Subordinate Bonds"). The Subordinate Bonds are tax-exempt revenue bonds with a final maturity in 2016. The proceeds from these bonds were used to pay the balance of the \$32 million committed to the City of Surprise for the Authority's share of funding for the brand new Surprise Spring Training facility, which is home to the Texas Rangers and the Kansas City Royals. For the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively, the Authority recognized a total liability of \$27,830,000 and \$28,965,000 for the subordinate bonds.

A subordinate bond reserve is required under the terms of the indenture governing the subordinate bonds. There were several options available to the Authority for fulfilling this requirement. The Authority opted for creating a 10 percent reserve of the original principal amount of all series of Subordinate Bonds any of which remain outstanding. This reserve amount of \$3.24 million was fully funded in February 2008 and continues to be maintained at the required amount.

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NOTE 11 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Noncurrent liability activity for the year ended June 30 was as follows:

	<u>July 1, 2008</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2009</u>	<u>Amounts Due within One Year</u>
Payable to City of Avondale	\$ 1,394,830	\$ -	\$ (408,383)	\$ 986,447	\$ 408,383
Cactus league payable	128,658,004	3,206,835	(1,226,539)	130,638,300	-
Bonds payable	313,048,969	-	(1,494,556)	311,554,413	3,770,000
Deferred revenue, noncurrent	590,277	-	(590,277)	-	-
Payable to Arizona Cardinals	6,879,873	343,994	-	7,223,867	-
Total	<u>\$ 450,571,953</u>	<u>\$ 3,550,829</u>	<u>\$ (3,719,755)</u>	<u>\$ 450,403,027</u>	<u>\$ 4,178,383</u>

	<u>July 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Amounts Due within One Year</u>
Payable to City of Avondale	\$ 1,764,901	\$ -	\$ (370,071)	\$ 1,394,830	\$ 370,071
Cactus league payable	122,913,180	7,618,613	(1,873,789)	128,658,004	-
Obligation under capital lease	5,251	-	(5,251)	-	5,251
Bonds payable	314,398,235	53,050,000	(54,399,266)	313,048,969	1,135,000
Deferred revenue, noncurrent	1,000,000	-	(409,723)	590,277	691,700
Payable to Arizona Cardinals	6,551,406	328,467	-	6,879,873	-
Total	<u>\$ 446,632,973</u>	<u>\$ 60,997,080</u>	<u>\$ (57,058,100)</u>	<u>\$ 450,571,953</u>	<u>\$ 2,202,022</u>

NOTE 12 – SOURCES OF PLEDGED REVENUES

The following are the Revenue Sources Pledged related to the senior bond, for the year ended June 30:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Hotel bed tax	\$ 12,341,683	\$ 15,042,646
Rental car tax	8,095,501	8,994,991
NFL income tax	4,200,252	4,121,340
Sales tax recapture	7,198,833	6,447,123
Operating revenues	1,060,584	1,012,705
	<u>\$ 32,896,853</u>	<u>\$ 35,618,805</u>

Several of the pledged revenues presented above vary from the amounts presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets due to various statutory or contractual agreements which amend the amount the Authority may claim as a pledge to its senior bond debt repayment. The rental car tax has been reduced by \$700,458 and \$1,329,279 respectively for fiscal years 2009 and 2008. These reductions represent the annual amounts forwarded to the Authority from the Maricopa County Stadium District (the "MCS D") under our existing intergovernmental agreement. This agreement provides the District's annual excess funds exclusively for the Authority's Cactus League purposes. These funds, in turn, are used by the Authority to defease the amount due and owing to the City of Scottsdale under our intergovernmental agreement for their Cactus League stadium and practice field renovation project. The pledged sales tax recapture revenues were reduced by \$43,795 for fiscal year 2008. This reduction represents the amount of sales tax recapture revenues received by the Authority from its University of Phoenix Stadium construction project and which were obligated to the payment of the actual stadium construction costs.

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NOTE 13 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Arizona Cardinals

The Authority and the Arizona Cardinals are contractually bound by several agreements related to the University of Phoenix Stadium. The Use Agreement provides for the Cardinals use of the Stadium for a period of 30 years in order to play their NFL home game schedule. The Authority receives an annual rent payment from the Cardinals and also pays for their game-related expenses. The Authority, under the Facility Use Agreement, is obligated to reimburse the Cardinals for certain expenses related to the construction of the Stadium (see footnote 7). The parking agreement provides for the Cardinals control over the operation of the Stadium's parking lots and the Authority's reimbursement to the Cardinals for use of the lots for Authority events.

Arizona Office of Tourism

The Authority has a statutory obligation to provide to the Arizona Office of Tourism an annual amount for marketing and tourism promotion within Maricopa County. The initial annual amount was \$4.0 million beginning in June 2001. This annual amount is increased by five percent per year thereafter. The Authority distributed \$5,675,307 and \$5,405,054 respectively for the fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

Fiesta Bowl

The Authority and the Fiesta Bowl are governed by a Use Agreement which provides for the Fiesta Bowl's use of the Stadium for their annual event for an initial period of 30 years. The Authority has further agreed to subsidize the Fiesta Bowl's annual event by providing for a fixed amount of the actual game day expenses. Under the agreement the Fiesta Bowl is required to collect and remit to the Authority several revenues including a ticket surcharge and a facility use fee.

Global Spectrum

Global Spectrum was selected by the Authority in 2004 to be its stadium management operator. This contractual arrangement started in 2004 – two years prior to the opening of the Stadium. Under the agreement the Authority is responsible for funding Global Spectrum's operating costs of the Stadium under a budget and annual plan approved by the Authority's board of directors. In July 2009 the Authority and Global Spectrum entered into an extension of the original operating agreement which will run for an initial period of nine months with an additional available extension of thirty-nine months expiring in June 2013.

Centerplate

Centerplate has been the Stadium's food and beverage provider since the opening of the Stadium in August 2006. Under the agreement between the Authority and Centerplate they received an initial two-year operating term followed by two one-year extensions which will currently terminate on July 31, 2010. The Authority has no financial obligations to Centerplate as it does with Global Spectrum. Centerplate is solely responsible for its financial activities and performance.

City of Goodyear

On April 7, 2008 the Authority's board of directors approved Resolution No. 2008-75 which approved a revised funding plan related to present and future Cactus League projects. A primary provision of this resolution granted an additional maximum of twenty million dollars to the City of Goodyear for its Cactus League spring training baseball facility project for a second team's practice facilities. However, the funding that would pay for this additional commitment does not currently exist. Under the resolution the funding would potentially come from

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the renewal or extension, post-2031, of the Authority's current revenues or a new, yet-to-be identified funding source. Based on this understanding and acknowledgement by the City of Goodyear, the Authority, under GASB 33 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, will not record this additional liability to its financial statements until the new funding revenues have been implemented and are available to the Authority.

Youth and Amateur Sports

The Authority has a statutory obligation to set aside and use funds designated for youth and amateur sports promotion and projects within Maricopa County as are available from the Tourism Revenue Clearing Account. The Authority has established a biennial grant process as well as a year-round quick grant process in order to award these monies to qualifying organizations and projects. Based on Arizona Revised Statute the annual amount to be allocated to youth and amateur sports was \$1.0 million increasing by \$100,000 annually thereafter. The Authority recorded youth and amateur expense of \$12,181 and \$2,063,915 respectively for the fiscal years 2009 and 2008.

NOTE 14 – DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

The Authority and its employees are members of the Arizona State Retirement System's Defined Benefit Plan ("Plan"), which is administered by the Arizona State Retirement System ("ASRS"). Under the Plan, both the employee and the employer contribute an equal percentage based on the employees' gross wages. Employee contributions are calculated on a pre-tax basis. The contribution percentage during fiscal year 2009 was 9.45 percent as determined by the ASRS. Retirement benefits are determined by ASRS based on the member's credited service along with the member's final average salary. For the years ended June 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007 the Authority made contributions of \$42,776, \$46,185 and \$45,704, respectively to the Plan. The ASRS has decreased the contribution percentage to 9.40 percent for fiscal year 2010.

NOTE 15 – INTEREST RATE SWAP

The Authority, at the time of the variable rate bond issuance in September 2005, entered into a Series 2005A Swap Agreement in order to reduce the risk of future interest rate increases to the bonds' variable rate. Under the swap agreement, the Authority is the fixed rate payer and Royal Bank of Canada, the swap counterparty and liquidity facility issuer, is the variable rate payer. On September 29, 2005, the Authority and Royal Bank of Canada negotiated the fixed rate the Authority is to pay during the initial fifteen-year term of the swap agreement at 3.516%. Royal Bank of Canada will pay to the Authority a variable rate which is based on 72% of LIBOR (London Interbank Offer Rate). These two amounts are calculated on a monthly basis to be paid on the first of the succeeding month and that net amount is paid by the Authority to Royal Bank of Canada when the fixed rate amount is greater than the variable rate amount.

The Authority, as of June 1, 2008, commenced with a supplemental swap arrangement with the Royal Bank of Canada. This Constant Maturity Swap (the "CMS") is based on the ten-year bond yield which, historically, is higher than shorter-term rates which is the basis for the Authority's original, fixed payer swap. The 72% of LIBOR payment under the fixed payer swap is basically cancelled under the CMS and replaced the Authority receiving a payment of 64.6% of the 10-year bond rate. On a historical basis, over a 20-year period, 64.6% of the ten-year bond rate outperforms the 72% of one-month LIBOR by an average of 0.79% annually. This positive margin would produce an estimated additional benefit to the Authority of \$400,000 annually in lowered interest costs over the ten-year term of the CMS under historical conditions.

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On February 5, 2009 the Authority, due to a positive market value associated with the CMS, elected to put the CMS on hold for a period of two years and take the present value savings. The Authority realized a net cash influx from the lockout of the CMS of \$1,062,000. These funds were put on deposit in the 2008 interest account which is used to pay for interest expenses related to the 2008 variable rate bonds and any swap payment expenses.

The credit ratings of the counterparty, terms and fair value of the outstanding fixed payer swap as of June 30, 2009 are as follows:

	Royal Bank of Canada
Credit ratings ⁽¹⁾	Aaa/AA/AA-
Notional amount	\$53,050,000
Effective date	September 29, 2005
Fixed-rate paid	3.516%
Variable rate received	72% of LIBOR ⁽²⁾
Termination date	July 1, 2020
Fair value	\$(3,873,507)

(1) Moody's Investors Service, Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poors respectively

(2) One-month LIBOR reset monthly. One-month LIBOR as of June 1, 2007 was 3.8304%

The notional amounts of the swap match the principal amount of the associated debt. The swap agreement contains scheduled reductions to outstanding notional amounts that follow scheduled reductions in the associated debt.

Fair Value

Interest rates have fallen significantly in the past year resulting in a negative fair value of \$3,873,507 as of June 30, 2009 for the fixed payer swap. The fair value was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the swap agreement, assuming that the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero-coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement on the swap.

Credit Risk

If the swap was terminated on June 30, 2009, the fair value of the swap would represent the Authority's credit exposure to the counterparty if the Authority were owed a payment and the counterparty could not make the termination payment. However, since the fair value of the fixed payer swap was a negative \$3,873,507 the Authority would have owed the Royal Bank of Canada that amount if the swap was terminated on that date, and therefore, the Authority had no counterparty exposure as of June 30, 2009.

Basis Risk

The Authority is exposed to basis risk on the fixed payer swap when the relationship between 72 percent of LIBOR and the actual rates on the associated variable rate bonds diverge where 72 percent of LIBOR is less than the actual rates paid to the bondholders. For fiscal year 2009 through June 30, 2009, the weighted average rate on the variable rate bonds was 1.6789 percent while 72% of the weighted average of LIBOR was 1.0877 percent. The Authority's fixed interest cost on its variable rate bonds exceeded its floating rate swap receipts by approximately \$1,289,576 during this period. In 2008 the same relationship between the rates existed but to a lesser degree and the Authority's fixed interest cost on the bonds exceeded the floating amount by \$255,339.

For the eight months the constant maturity swap was operating during fiscal year 2009 the weighted average of LIBOR was 1.0877 percent while the 64.6% of the ten-year bond was 2.5111 percent. The net effect of these two rates was a positive \$273,043 to the Authority.

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Termination Risk

The swap agreement provides for certain events that could cause the counterparty or the Authority to terminate the swap, including, but not necessarily limited to, (i) the failure to make payments when due, (ii) a material breach of representations or warranties, an event of illegality, (iii) the failure by the LIBOR counterparty to maintain ratings of at least BBB by Fitch IBCA or Baa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and (iv) the failure to comply with any other provisions of the agreements after a specific notice period. The Authority also has the right to terminate the swap agreement at any time. If, at the time of termination, a swap has a negative fair value, the Authority would owe the counterparty a termination payment equal to the fair value.

NOTE 16 – LIQUIDITY

By state statute the Authority has priority funding requirements of revenue received from Tourism revenue which includes Rental car and Hotel bed tax, NFL income tax recapture, sales tax recapture and Facility revenues. Based on these requirements and the use the funds for stadium operations resulted in a decrease of net assets of \$16,015,638 for the year ended June 30, 2009 and a decrease in net assets of \$21,295,197 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

For the year ended June 30, 2009, the Authority did generated positive net cash flows from operations and noncapital financing activities of \$2,611,347 compared to positive net cash flows from operations and noncapital financing activities of \$184,481 for the year ended June 30, 2008. The improvement was the result of improved efficiencies as well as several cost reductions implemented during the year ended June 30, 2009.

Management and the Board of Directors of the Authority have budget projections for the year ended June 30, 2010 which include several solutions to fund stadium operations into fiscal 2011, barring further significant degradation in the economy and its impact on the Authority's revenue streams. These solutions include the current RFP process for the Stadium's concessionaire vendor, which may yield additional current positive cash flows; continued operating and administrative cuts related to stadium operations; and greater involvement by the Authority's tenants and partners at the stadium under a 'shared strategies' approach to events, event revenue and operating costs. The shared strategy plan has been presented to and reviewed by the Authority's board of directors and has been placed, at the present time, on hold. The aforementioned solutions have not been implemented as of or subsequent to year end.

NOTE 17 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Youth and Amateur Sports Biennial Grant

The Authority put forth its fourth biennial grant process related to youth and amateur sports at the end of fiscal year 2009. The Authority has estimated that it has \$2 million in matching funds to be awarded to qualifying organizations and projects. It is expected that the final selection will be made by the Authority's board of directors in November 2009.