

Board of Trustees Marin Community College District Novato, California

Professional standards require that we communicate certain matters to keep you adequately informed about matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. We communicate such matters in this report.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities and does not relieve management of their responsibilities. Refer to our engagement letter with the District for further information on the responsibilities of management and of Crowe Horwath LLP.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or disclosures. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We are to communicate an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Accordingly, the following matters will be discussed during our meeting with you.

- How we addressed the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Our approach to internal control relevant to the audit.
- The concept of materiality in planning and executing the audit, focusing on the factors considered rather than on specific thresholds or amounts.
- Where the entity has an internal audit function, the extent to which the auditor used the work of internal audit, and how the external and internal auditors best work together.

- Your views and knowledge about matters you consider warrant our attention during the audit, as well as your views on:
 - o The allocation of responsibilities between you and management.
 - The entity's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
 - Significant communications with regulators.
 - o Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

<u>Significant Accounting Policies</u>: The Board of Trustees should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Also, the Board of Trustees should be aware of methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative consensus. We believe management has the primary responsibility to inform the Board of Trustees about such matters. To assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight role, we also provide the following accounting changes or significant policies requiring communication.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No.61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No.34"	The objective of this Statement, issued in November 2010, is to improve financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity. The requirements of Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity, and the related financial reporting requirements of Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments", were amended to better meet user needs and to address reporting entity issues that have arisen since the issuance of those Statements.
	This Statement modifies certain requirements for inclusion of component units in the financial reporting entity. For organizations that previously were required to be included as component units by meeting the fiscal dependency criterion, a financial benefit or burden relationship also would need to be present between the primary government and that organization for it to be included in the reporting entity as a component unit. Further, for organizations that do not meet the financial accountability criteria for inclusion as component units but that, nevertheless, should be included because the primary government's management determines that it would be misleading to exclude them, this Statement clarifies the manner in which that determination should be made and the types of relationships that generally should be considered in making the determination.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No.61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No.34" (Continued)	This Statement also amends the criteria for reporting component units as if they were part of the primary government (that is, blending) in certain circumstances. For component units that currently are blended based on the "substantively the same governing body" criterion, it additionally requires that (1) the primary government and the component unit have a financial benefit or burden relationship or (2) management (below the level of the elected officials) of the primary government have operational responsibility (as defined in paragraph 8a) for the activities of the component unit. New criteria also are added to require blending of component units whose total debt outstanding is expected to be repaid entirely or almost entirely with resources of the primary government. The blending provisions are amended to clarify that funds of a blended component unit have the same financial reporting requirements as a fund of the primary government. Lastly, additional reporting guidance is provided for blending a component unit if the primary government is a business-type activity that uses a single column presentation for financial reporting.
	This Statement also clarifies the reporting of equity interests in legally separate organizations. It requires a primary government to report its equity interest in a component unit as an asset.
	This statement was adopted for the District's fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 with no material impact on the District.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements"	This Statement, issued in December 2010, incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance that is included in the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: (1) Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations; (2) Accounting Principles Board Opinions; and (3) Accounting Research Bulletins of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) Committee on Accounting Procedure. The requirements in this Statement will improve financial reporting by contributing to the GASB's efforts to codify all sources of generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments so that they derive from a single source. This effort brings the authoritative accounting and financial reporting literature together in one place, with that guidance modified as necessary to appropriately recognize the governmental environment and the needs of governmental financial statement users. It will eliminate the need for financial statement preparers and auditors to determine which FASB and AICPA pronouncement provisions apply to state and local governments, thereby resulting in a more consistent application of applicable guidance in financial statements of state and local governments.
	In addition, all FASB and AICPA pronouncements became non-authoritative literature for the private sector on July 1, 2009, the effective date of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Although certain FASB and AICPA pronouncements are still available in the archive section of the FASB's Codification on a limited basis, this Statement will make accessible in the GASB's authoritative literature all applicable accounting and financial reporting guidance previously residing only in the FASB and AICPA pronouncements. This statement was adopted for the District's fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 with no material impact on the District.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position"	This Statement, issued in June 2011, provides a new statement of net position format to report all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position (which is the net residual amount of the other elements). This Statement requires that deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources be reported separately from assets and liabilities. This Statement also amends certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, and related pronouncements to reflect the residual measure in the statement of financial position as net position, rather than net assets.
	The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by standardizing the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position. It alleviates uncertainty about reporting those financial statement elements by providing guidance where none previously existed.
	The District adopted this standard for fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. As a result, the District's July 1, 2012 beginning net position was restated by \$1,653,538 because debt issuance costs are no longer capitalized.
GASB Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities"	This Statement, issued in March 2012, establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities" (Continued)	Concepts Statement No. 4, Elements of Financial Statements, introduced and defined the elements included in financial statements, including deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. In addition, Concepts Statement 4 provides that reporting a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources should be limited to those instances identified by the Board in authoritative pronouncements that are established after applicable due process. Prior to the issuance of this Statement, only two such pronouncements have been issued. Statement No. 53 requires the reporting of a deferred outflow/inflows of resources for the changes in fair value of hedging derivative instruments, and Statement No. 60, requires a deferred inflow of resources to be reported by a transferor government in a qualifying service concession arrangement. This Statement amends the financial statement element classification of certain items previously reported as assets and liabilities to be consistent with the definitions in Concepts Statement 4. This Statement also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, such as changes in the determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term deferred in financial statement presentations. The provisions of this Statement are effective for
	the District's fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 with earlier application being encouraged. Based on the implementation of Statement No. 65 the District's July 1, 2013 beginning net position was restated by \$1,653,538 because debt issuance costs are no longer capitalized.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 66, "Technical Corrections – 2012, An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 10 and No. 62"	The objective of this Statement, issued in March 2012, is to improve accounting and financial reporting for a governmental financial reporting entity by resolving conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of two pronouncements, Statements No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, and No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements.
	This Statement amends Statement No. 10, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues, by removing the provision that limits fund-based reporting of an entity's risk financing activities to the general fund and the internal service fund type. As a result, governments should base their decisions about fund type classification on the nature of the activity to be reported, as required in Statement 54 and Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments.
	This Statement also amends Statement 62 by modifying the specific guidance on accounting for (1) operating lease payments that vary from a straight-line basis, (2) the difference between the initial investment (purchase price) and the principal amount of a purchased loan or group of loans, and (3) servicing fees related to mortgage loans that are sold when the stated service fee rate differs significantly from a current (normal) servicing fee rate. These changes clarify how to apply Statement No. 13, Accounting for Operating Leases with Scheduled Rent Increases, and result in guidance that is consistent with the requirements in Statement No. 48, Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues, respectively.
	This Statement is effective for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not determined what impact, if any, this GASB statement might have on its financial statements.

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GASB Statement No. 67, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25"	The objective of this Statement, issued in June 2012, is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statements No. 25, Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans, and No. 50, Pension Disclosures, as they relate to pension plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements (hereafter jointly referred to as trusts) that meet certain criteria. The requirements of Statements 25 and 50 remain applicable to pension plans that are not administered through trusts covered by the scope of this Statement and to defined contribution plans that provide postemployment benefits other than pensions.
	This Statement establishes a definition of a pension plan that reflects the primary activities associated with the pension arrangement—determining pensions, accumulating and managing assets dedicated for pensions, and paying benefits to plan members as they come due. The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for the activities of pension plans that are administered through trusts that have the following characteristics:
	 Contributions from employers and nonemployer contributing entities to the pension plan and earnings on those contributions are irrevocable.
	 Pension plan assets are dedicated to providing pensions to plan members in accordance with the benefit terms.
	Pension plan assets are legally protected from the creditors of employers, nonemployer contributing entities, and the pension plan administrator. If the plan is a defined benefit pension plan, plan assets also are legally protected from creditors of the plan members.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 67, "Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25" (Continued)	For defined benefit pension plans, this Statement establishes standards of financial reporting for separately issued financial reports and specifies the required approach to measuring the pension liability of employers and nonemployer contributing entities for benefits provided through the pension plan (the net pension liability), about which information is required to be presented. Distinctions are made regarding the particular requirements depending upon the type of pension plan administered, as follows:
	Single-employer pension plans—those in which pensions are provided to the employees of only one employer (as defined in this Statement)
	Agent multiple-employer pension plans (agent pension plans)—those in which plan assets are pooled for investment purposes but separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer so that each employer's share of the pooled assets is legally available to pay the benefits of only its employees.
	Cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plans (cost-sharing pension plans) those in which the pension obligations to the employees of more than one employer are pooled and plan assets can be used to pay the benefits of the employees of any employer that provides pensions through the pension plan.
	This Statement also details the note disclosure requirements for defined contribution pension plans administered through trusts that meet the identified criteria.
	This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2013. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not determined what impact, if any, this GASB statement might have on its financial statements.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
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GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27"	The primary objective of this Statement, issued in June 2012, is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency.
	This Statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers, as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures, as they relate to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements (hereafter jointly referred to as trusts) that meet certain criteria. The requirements of Statements 27 and 50 remain applicable for pensions that are not covered by the scope of this Statement.
	The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for pensions that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts that have the following characteristics:
	Contributions from employers and nonemployer contributing entities to the pension plan and earnings on those contributions are irrevocable.
	Pension plan assets are dedicated to providing pensions to plan members in accordance with the benefit terms.
	Pension plan assets are legally protected from the creditors of employers, nonemployer contributing entities, and the pension plan administrator. If the plan is a defined benefit pension plan, plan assets also are legally protected from creditors of the plan members.

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption	
GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27" (Continued)	This Statement establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit pensions, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service.	
	Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about pensions also are addressed. Distinctions are made regarding the particular requirements for employers based on the number of employers whose employees are provided with pensions through the pension plan and whether pension obligations and pension plan assets are shared. Employers are classified in one of the following categories for purposes of this Statement:	
	Single employers are those whose employees are provided with defined benefit pensions through single-employer pension plans—pension plans in which pensions are provided to the employees of only one employer (as defined in this Statement).	
	Agent employers are those whose employees are provided with defined benefit pensions through agent multiple-employer pension plans—pension plans in which plan assets are pooled for investment purposes but separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer so that each employer's share of the pooled assets is legally available to pay the benefits of only its employees.	
	Cost-sharing employers are those whose employees are provided with defined benefit pensions through cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plans—pension plans in which the pension obligations to the employees of more than one employer are pooled and plan assets can be used to pay the benefits of the employees of any employer that provides pensions through the pension plan.	

Accounting Standard	Impact of Adoption
GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27" (Continued)	In addition, this Statement details the recognition and disclosure requirements for employers with liabilities (payables) to a defined benefit pension plan and for employers whose employees are provided with defined contribution pensions. This Statement also addresses circumstances in which a nonemployer entity has a legal requirement to make contributions directly to a pension plan.
	This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not determined what impact, if any, this GASB statement might have on its financial statements.

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. These judgments are based upon knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments and may be subject to significant change in the near term.

The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the District's year end financial statements, the process used by management in formulating these particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the primary basis for our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Useful Lives of Fixed Assets	Management has determined the economic useful lives of fixed assets based on past history of similar types of assets, future plans as to their use, and other factors that impact their economic value to the District.	We tested the propriety of information underlying management's estimates.
Loss Contingencies	The District consults with legal counsel to evaluate outstanding litigation, claims and assessments. Factors that affect management's evaluation of litigation contingencies requiring disclosure include the nature of the contingencies and whether the outcome could have an effect on the consolidated financial statements.	Based on information obtained from the District's legal counsel regarding this matter and discussions with management, we concur with management's determination that the loss contingency does not meet conditions for accrual of being both probable and estimable, and, thus, no accrual is recorded and no specific disclosures are required.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Pension and Postretirement Obligations	Amounts reported for pension and postretirement obligations require management to use estimates that may be subject to significant change in the near term. These estimates are based on projection of the weighted average discount rate, rate of increase in future compensation levels, and weighted average expected long-term rate of return on pension assets.	We reviewed the reasonableness of these estimates and assumptions.
Claims Liability	The claims liability was determined by management by a process of applying third party actuarial studies and rolling forward their assumptions to the end of the fiscal year.	We tested this accounting estimate by reviewing, on a test basis, the information listed and by recalculating the factors applied by management.

AUDITOR'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

We are to discuss with you our comments about the following matters related to the District's accounting policies and financial statement disclosures. Accordingly, these matters will be discussed during our meeting with you.

- The appropriateness of the accounting policies to the particular circumstances of the entity, considering the need to balance the cost of providing information with the likely benefit to users of the entity's financial statements.
- The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.
- The effect of the timing of transactions in relation to the period in which they are recorded.
- The potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks and exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.
- The extent to which the financial statements are affected by unusual transactions including nonrecurring amounts recognized during the period, and the extent to which such transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements.
- The issues involved, and related judgments made, in formulating particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.
- The factors affecting asset and liability carrying values, including the entity's basis for determining
 useful lives assigned to tangible and intangible assets.
- The selective correction of misstatements, for example, correcting misstatements with the effect of increasing reported earnings, but not those that have the effect of decreasing reported earnings.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

<u>Corrected Misstatements</u>: We are to inform you of material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

There were no such misstatements.

<u>Uncorrected Misstatements</u>: We are to inform you of uncorrected misstatements that were aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest and prior period(s) presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. For your consideration, we have distinguished misstatements between known misstatements and likely misstatements.

There were no such misstatements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Item	Results
Other Information In Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements Information may be prepared by management that accompanies the financial statements. To assist your consideration of this information, you should know that we are required by audit standards to read such information and consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with information in the financial statements. If we consider the information materially inconsistent based on this reading, we are to seek a resolution of the matter.	We understand that management has not prepared such information to accompany the audited financial statements.
Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit We are to inform you of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.	There were no significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.
Disagreements With Management We are to discuss with you any disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditor's report.	During our audit, there were no such disagreements with management.
Consultations With Other Accountants If management consulted with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, we are to inform you of such consultation, if we are aware of it, and provide our views on the significant matters that were the subject of such consultation.	We are not aware of any instances where management consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters since no other accountants contacted us, which they are required to do by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 50, before they provide written or oral advice.
Representations The Auditor Is Requesting From Management We are to provide you with a copy of management's requested written representations to us.	We direct your attention to a copy of the letter of management's representation to us provided separately.
Significant Issues Discussed, or Subject to Correspondence, With Management We are to communicate to you any significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.	There were no such significant issues discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management.

Communication Item	Results
Significant Related Party Findings and Issues We are to communicate to you significant findings and issues arising during the audit in connection with the District's related parties.	There were no such findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.
Other Findings or Issues We Find Relevant or Significant We are to communicate to you other findings or	There were no such other findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.
issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.	

We are pleased to serve your District as its independent auditors and look forward to our continued relationship. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities, and would be pleased to discuss this letter or any matters further, should you desire. This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and, if appropriate, management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Crowe Horwath LLP

Sacramento, California December 3, 2013



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Marin Community College District as of June 30, 2013 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the fiduciary fund information of Marin Community College District, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Some representations in this letter are specifically limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

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

- 1. We are responsible for the fair presentation in the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and we believe the financial statements are fairly presented and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 2. We are responsible for maintaining internal control that will, among other things, help assure the preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- 3. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 4. We have made available to you all -
 - a. Financial records and related data and other relevant information, as well as access, as agreed upon in the terms of the audit engagement.
 - b. Minutes of the Board of Trustees or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - c. Audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
- 5. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.



- 6. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements or the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- 7. We have no plans or intentions that might materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows.
- 8. We have identified all accounting estimates that materially affect recorded amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, and the key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates. We believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances.

These estimates include: Apportionment Revenue.

- b. Valuation of long lived assets.
- c. Disclosure of pension plans or other post-retirement benefits.
- Except as disclosed in the financial statements, or directly to you, there are or have been no material:
 - a. Related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements and guarantees.
 - b. Arrangements, either written or oral, with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances and line-of-credit or similar arrangements.
 - c. Oral or written guarantees under which the entity is contingently liable.
 - d. Other financial instruments with significant "off-balance-sheet" risk of accounting loss to which the entity is a party.
 - e. Asserted or unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB 62.
 - f. Concentrations that make the entity vulnerable to the risk of a severe impact within one year from the balance sheet date (including, for example, individual or group concentrations of customers, suppliers, lenders, products, services, sources of labor or materials, licenses or other rights, operating areas or markets).
 - g. Significant accounting estimates that are susceptible to changing materially as a result of an event or change in conditions that is reasonably possible of occurrence within one year from the balance sheet date.
 - h. Liens, encumbrances or other title impairments, such as pledges as collateral, on entity assets at the balance sheet date.
 - i. Restrictions under borrowing agreements.
 - j. Unrecorded transactions.
 - k. Significant events that have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
 - Declines in market value of investments that are not temporary.
- 10. Except as disclosed to you, we have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:



- a. Management, whether material or not.
- b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, whether material or not.
- c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 11. Except as disclosed to you, we have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- 12. Except as disclosed to you, there have been no:
 - a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss.
 - b. Other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB 62.
 - c. Communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
 - d. Reservations or designations of fund equity that were not properly authorized and approved.
- 13. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 14. We are responsible for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria and believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with these criteria. The methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. All significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information have been identified and disclosed to you. If the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- 15. We are responsible for the required supplementary information, including that such information is measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. All significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the required supplementary information have been disclosed to you.
- 16. We understand that during the course of your audit, you have relied on work performed by the following specialists. We confirm that we have no relationships with those specialists that may bear on their objectivity, such as the ability through employment, ownership, contractual right, family relationship or otherwise to directly or indirectly control or significantly influence the specialist.
 - Total Compensation Systems
- 17. During the course of your audit, we have provided to you physical or electronic copies of various original documents. We understand that you are relying on such copies as audit evidence in your audit and represent that copies provide are an accurate and completed representation of



- the original documentation and that the copies have not been modified from their original version.
- 18. During the course of your audit, you may have accumulated records containing data which should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.
- 19. The financial statements include all joint ventures with an equity interests and properly disclose these joint ventures and other related organizations (e.g. Joint Powers Agreements).
- 20. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 21. Net position components (net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted) are properly classified and fund balance types (including minimum fund balance policies and/or stabilization agreements, if applicable) are properly presented and, if applicable, approved.
- 22. Expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 23. Revenues are properly classified in the statement of activities within operating, non-operating and capital. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been properly classified and reported.
- 24. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified in category of custodial credit risk.
- 25. Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- 26. We understand that you have assisted us with the preparation of our financial statements and footnotes and we have reviewed and approved the financial statements and footnotes and take full responsibility for them.
- 27. We are responsible for compliance with the California Community College Chancellor's Office's Contracted District Audit Manual.
- 28. With respect to compliance with Government Auditing Standards:
 - a. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to this organization.
 - b. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.
 - c. We have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
 - d. We have identified and disclosed to you violations (or possible violations) of laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- 29. With respect to the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A 133 related to federal awards:
 - We are responsible for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of Circular A-133.



- b. We have prepared (or reviewed) the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with Circular A-133 and have included expenditures made during the period being audited for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- c. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of its federal programs.
- d. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that the organization is managing federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements that could have a material effect on its federal programs.
- e. We have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each federal program.
- f. We have made available all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence that has taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities and is related to federal programs.
- g. We have complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements in connection with federal awards except as disclosed to you.
- h. We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews.
- i. Our interpretations of any compliance requirements that have varying interpretations have been provided to you.
- j. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- k. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the basis presented in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- m. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by Circular A-133.
- n. We have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- o. We have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the data collection form, or have reviewed those sections as prepared by you.



- p. If applicable, we have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with the service organizations.
- q. If applicable, we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organization relating to noncompliance at the service organization.
- We have disclosed any known noncompliance occurring subsequent to the period for which compliance is audited.
- s. We have disclosed whether any changes in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to deficiencies, significant deficiencies, and material weaknesses have occurred subsequent to the date as of which compliance is audited.
- t. We have identified the requirements regarding activities allowed or unallowed, allowable costs/cost principles, cash management, Davis-Bacon Act, eligibility, equipment and real property management, matching, level of effort, earmarking, period of availability of federal funds, procurement, program income, real property acquisition and relocation assistance, reporting, subrecipient monitoring, and special tests and provisions that are applicable to major programs, which are identified in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- u. We have complied with reporting requirements in connection with federal awards, and information presented in federal financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements is supported by the accounting records from which the financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards were prepared.
- v. Amounts claimed or used for matching, if applicable, were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments."

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