

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
FINANCING AUTHORITY
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors and Audit Committee
San Bernardino County Financing Authority
San Bernardino, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the San Bernardino County Financing Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of San Bernardino County, California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Authority, as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Corporation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of

financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 14, 2022, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
November 14, 2022

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022**

	<u>Pension Obligation</u>	<u>Courthouse Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 3,694,589	\$ 3,694,589
Interest receivable	-	2,782	2,782
Total current assets	-	3,697,371	3,697,371
Total assets	-	3,697,371	3,697,371
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Interest payable	-	49,912	49,912
Bonds Payable, net	-	485,000	485,000
Total current liabilities	-	534,912	534,912
Noncurrent liabilities			
Bonds Payable, net	-	10,405,000	10,405,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	-	10,405,000	10,405,000
Total liabilities	-	10,939,912	10,939,912
NET POSITION:			
Unrestricted	-	(7,242,541)	(7,242,541)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT):	\$ -	\$ (7,242,541)	\$ (7,242,541)

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022**

	<u>Pension Obligation</u>	<u>Courthouse Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES			
Interest and dividends	\$ 133,085	\$ 5,863	\$ 138,948
Accretion of interest income	438,629	-	438,629
Surcharge revenue	-	1,782,283	1,782,283
	<u>571,714</u>	<u>1,788,146</u>	<u>2,359,860</u>
Total nonoperating revenues			
NONOPERATING EXPENSES			
Interest	-	636,717	636,717
Accretion of interest expense	438,629	-	438,629
Other expense	9,769	-	9,769
Administrative expense	-	1,700	1,700
	<u>448,398</u>	<u>638,417</u>	<u>1,086,815</u>
Total nonoperating expenses			
Changes in net position	123,316	1,149,729	1,273,045
Net position (deficit) - Beginning of year	<u>(123,316)</u>	<u>(8,392,270)</u>	<u>(8,515,586)</u>
Net position (deficit) - End of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (7,242,541)</u>	<u>\$ (7,242,541)</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
JUNE 30, 2022**

	<u>Pension Obligation</u>	<u>Courthouse Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Principal payments on bonds	\$ (70,975,000)	\$ (990,000)	\$ (71,965,000)
Interest paid on bonds	-	(638,825)	(638,825)
Surcharges received	-	1,782,283	1,782,283
Net cash flows provided by or (used) for noncapital financing activities	<u>(70,975,000)</u>	<u>153,458</u>	<u>(70,821,542)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investment income	4,700	3,108	7,808
Payments received from County and AQMD for maturities of financial securities	70,975,000	-	70,975,000
Other Expense	(9,769)	-	(9,769)
Administrative expense	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>
Net cash flows provided by or (used) for investing activities	<u>70,969,931</u>	<u>1,408</u>	<u>70,971,339</u>
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,069)	154,866	149,797
Cash and cash equivalents - Beginning of year	<u>5,069</u>	<u>3,539,723</u>	<u>3,544,792</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - End of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,694,589</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,694,589</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022**

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The San Bernardino County Financing Authority (the "Authority") was created pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (the "Agreement") dated May 16, 1966 as amended on July 1, 1982, and May 1, 1983, as amended and restated on March 27, 1989, and as amended on February 15, 1994 and between the San Bernardino County (the "County") and the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (the "District"). The 1994 amendment changed the name of the Authority from San Bernardino Building Authority to San Bernardino County Financing Authority to better reflect the broad purposes of the Authority. The County's Board of Supervisors serves as the Board of the Authority.

The Agreement authorizes the Authority to provide financing for public capital improvements for the County, to acquire such public capital improvements, and to purchase certain underlying obligations issued by or on behalf of the County. Obligations may be in the form of assessment district bonds, community facilities district bonds, general obligation bonds, limited obligation bonds, revenue bonds, notes, lease-purchase agreements and other evidence of indebtedness. The financial position and results of operations of the services provided are reflected in the funds of the joint powers authority. The Authority is deemed to be a component unit of the County, although legally separate. The governing board of the Authority is the same as the County.

All activities of the Authority are presented as proprietary funds. The Authority's financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, income is recognized when earned and expenses recorded when incurred. The Authority provides services entirely to the County. All accounts and records of the Authority's projects are held by trustee banks.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating 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. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The Authority treats all investments with original maturities of three months or less as cash equivalents.

On December 1, 1995, the Authority used the proceeds of its pension obligation bonds to purchase all the outstanding San Bernardino County (County) 1995 Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) 1995 Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds. The pension obligation bonds were repaid in fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Authority has deep-discounts associated with the bond issues. The deep-discount is being amortized based on the accreted value of the bonds at year-end. The Authority records the amortization of deep-discount as accretion of interest expense.

In accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting standards, a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows are presented. Net position can be classified into restricted and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- *Restricted* – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net resources through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted* – This component of net position consists of net resources that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

The Authority reports the following bonds as major funds:

- *Pension Obligation Bonds* accounts for activities that allow the Authority to refinance each of their unfunded accrued actuarial liability with respect to retirement benefits for their respective employees.
- *Courthouse Project Bonds* accounts for activities that allow the Authority to provide funds to the San Bernardino County to renovate courthouse facilities located within the San Bernardino County.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Fiscal agents acting on behalf of the Authority hold all cash and investments from long-term debt issuances and Courthouse surcharges. In accordance with the terms of the trust agreements, cash and investments are segregated and restricted for specified purposes. The trustee banks for the Authority are as follows:

Bond Issue	Trustee
2007 Courthouse Revenue Bonds	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Fair Value Measurements

The valuation of 2a7 money market mutual funds are at one-dollar net asset value (NAV) per share. The total fair value of these at June 30, 2022 was \$3,694,589, with \$0 unfunded commitments. The redemption frequency is daily and redemption notice period of intra-daily. This type of investment primarily invests in short term U.S Treasury, government securities (including repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury and government agency securities).

Investments Authorized by Debt Agreements

Investments of debt proceeds held by bond trustees are governed by provisions of the debt agreements. The Courthouse Project Bonds currently outstanding were issued to provide funds to the San Bernardino County to renovate courthouse facilities located within the San Bernardino County. In addition to these local bonds, the debt agreements specify permitted investment types along with any related insurance, collateral, or minimum credit rating requirements. The Courthouse Project Bonds investments in money market funds are required to have the highest letter and numerical rating. The Courthouse Project Bonds met these requirements as of June 30, 2022.

Credit Risk

The Authority's investments in money market mutual funds were rated Aaa-mf by Moody's Investors Service.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

Pension Obligation Bonds

On December 13, 1995 the Authority issued Serial Current Interest Authority Bonds in the amount of \$298,595,000 and Serial Capital Appreciation Authority Bonds in the amount of \$121,932,487 (collectively referred to as the "Authority Bonds").

The Authority Bonds were issued to provide funds to enable the Authority to purchase the San Bernardino County 1995 Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "County Bonds") and the South Coast Air Quality Management District 1995 Pension Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "AQMD Bonds") which were issued by the County and AQMD respectively, to allow them to refinance each of their unfunded accrued actuarial liability with respect to retirement benefits for their respective employees.

The repayment of the Authority Bonds is secured by a first lien on and pledge of all amounts payable by the County and AQMD on the County Bonds and the AQMD Bonds.

The Serial Current Interest Authority Bonds matured on August 1, 2011. Interest on the Capital Appreciation Authority Bonds compounds semi-annually at interest rates from 7.56 percent to 7.72 percent payable solely at maturity.

The Authority Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Authority Bonds official statement contains a provision that in the event of default, the Trustee may declare the outstanding principal balance and accrued interest to be due and payable immediately.

The pension obligation bonds were repaid as of June 30, 2022.

Bonds from Direct Placements - Courthouse Revenue Bonds

On June 29, 2007 the Authority issued direct placement Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 with Wells Fargo Bank in the total amount of \$18,370,000, of which \$3,100,000 is subject to an interest rate of 5.10 percent and \$15,270,000 is subject to an interest rate of 5.50 percent payable semi-annually. The bonds were issued to finance the costs of seismic retrofitting, refurbishing, improving and renovating courthouse facilities located within San Bernardino County, fund a reserve fund for the bonds, and pay costs of issuance of the bonds.

The Revenue Bonds are special, limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from and secured by a first pledge of and exclusive lien on surcharge revenues consisting of a fee not to exceed thirty-five dollars charged on certain civil court filings made in Superior Courts located in San Bernardino County. On January 14, 2003, the collection of the surcharge was imposed by County Board Resolution No. 2003-19. However, only surcharge revenue received after June 29, 2007, has been pledged. The collection of surcharge revenue shall terminate upon final payment of the Revenue Bonds or 30 years from the sale of the Revenue Bonds, whichever occurs first.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022**

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The Revenue Bonds from direct placements contain a provision that in an event of default, the Trustee may declare the outstanding principal and accrued interest to be due and payable immediately.

The Authority recognizes pledged surcharge revenues when they are due from the County according to the financing agreement. The financing agreement indicates the revenues are due when the County receives the surcharge revenues from the State.

The debt service schedule for the current fiscal year required principal and interest payments totaling \$1,628,825. The total surcharged revenues received during the fiscal year totaled \$1,782,283. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$16,258,825 payable through June 2037.

The \$15,270,000 term bond maturing on June 1, 2037, is subject to sinking fund installments and mandatory redemption prior to maturity beginning on June 1, 2018. Total principal of \$2,230,000 has been early redeemed.

The following is a summary of changes in the Bonds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

<u>Description</u>	<u>July 1, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Pension Obligation					
Capital Appreciation Authority					
Bonds	\$ 70,975,000	\$ -	\$ 70,975,000	\$ -	\$ -
Bond Discount	(438,629)	-	(438,629)	-	-
Bonds from Direct Placements:					
Courthouse Revenue Bonds	\$ 11,880,000	\$ -	\$ 990,000	\$ 10,890,000	\$ 485,000
Total	<u>\$ 82,416,371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71,526,371</u>	<u>\$ 10,890,000</u>	<u>\$ 485,000</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding at June 30, 2022, including interest payments of \$5,368,825, over the life of the debt, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Bonds from Direct Placements:					
Courthouse Revenue Bonds	\$ 1,083,950	\$ 1,092,275	\$ 1,083,675	\$ 1,088,975	\$ 1,087,350
<u>Description</u>	<u>2028-2032</u>	<u>2033 - 2037</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Bonds from Direct Placements:					
Courthouse Revenue Bonds	<u>\$ 5,431,650</u>	<u>\$ 5,390,950</u>	<u>\$ 16,258,825</u>		

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FINANCING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

The following is the debt service schedule of the Courthouse Revenue Bonds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Fiscal Year	Due December 1		Due June 1		Total
	Interest	Principal	Interest		
2022-23	\$ 299,475	\$ 485,000	\$ 299,475		\$ 1,083,950
2023-24	286,138	520,000	286,138		1,092,275
2024-25	271,838	540,000	271,838		1,083,675
2025-26	256,988	575,000	256,988		1,088,975
2026-27	241,175	605,000	241,175		1,087,350
2027-28	224,538	645,000	224,538		1,094,075
2028-29	206,800	680,000	206,800		1,093,600
2029-30	188,100	715,000	188,100		1,091,200
2030-31	168,438	745,000	168,438		1,081,875
2031-32	147,950	775,000	147,950		1,070,900
2032-33	126,638	825,000	126,638		1,078,275
2033-34	103,950	875,000	103,950		1,082,900
2034-35	79,888	920,000	79,888		1,079,775
2035-36	54,588	970,000	54,588		1,079,175
2036-37	27,913	1,015,000	27,913		1,070,825
TOTALS	\$ 2,684,413	\$ 10,890,000	\$ 2,684,413		\$ 16,258,825

NOTE 4: BOND AGREEMENT/DEBT COVERAGE

In accordance with the bond agreement, if on any surcharge revenue measurement date, the debt service coverage ratio for the immediately prior bond year is equal or greater than 1.5, the Trustee shall transfer excess surcharge revenues to the Improvement Fund to pay for costs of improvements or reimburse the County directly for these costs. If it is less than 1.5, the Trustee shall transfer any remaining amounts in the Debt Service Fund to the Redemption Account for a special mandatory redemption of bonds. If on the subsequent Surcharge Revenue Measurement Date, the coverage ratio is also less than 1.5, the Trustee shall transfer all remaining amounts in the Debt Service Fund and the Improvement Fund to the Redemption Account for a special mandatory redemption of bonds.

The coverage ratio for the immediately prior bond year was 1.66, The coverage ratio exceeded the 1.5 requirement for the preceding year ended June 30, 2021.

NOTE 5: NET POSITION/DEFICITS

Net position is the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position (assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources).

Courthouse project: The deficit was mainly caused by the long-term debt not being offset with the related capital assets, which are recorded in the San Bernardino County financial statements. The deficit will continue to be reduced with future years' surcharge revenues.

NOTE 6: NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

Effective in Current Fiscal Year

GASB Statement No. 87 – In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Statement did not have an effect on the Authority's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 89 – In June 2018, GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*. The objectives of this Statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2020. The Statement did not have an effect on the Authority's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 92 – In January 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and finance reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Statement did not have an effect on the Authority's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 93 – In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates*. The objective of this Statement is to address those and other accounting and financial reporting implications that result from the replacement of an IBOR. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Statement did not have an effect on the Authority's financial statements.

NOTE 6: NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS (continued)

GASB Statement No. 99 – In April 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and finance reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The Statement did not have an effect on the Authority's financial statements.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Supervisors and Audit Committee
San Bernardino County Financing Authority
San Bernardino, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the San Bernardino County Financing Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of San Bernardino County, California, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
November 14, 2022



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