

MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MANAGEMENT REPORT

**For the Year Ended
JUNE 30, 2015**

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Board of Directors
Mendocino Council of Governments
Ukiah, California

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of Mendocino Council of Governments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered its internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Mendocino Council of Governments' internal control.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, as defined above. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of Mendocino Council of Governments and others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We thank Mendocino Council of Governments' staff for its cooperation during our audit.

R.J. Ricciardi, Inc.

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Certified Public Accountants

San Rafael, California
May 24, 2016

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We have audited the basic financial statements of Mendocino Council of Governments for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated July 6, 2015, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Mendocino Council of Governments. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Mendocino Council of Governments are described in Note 2 to the basic financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by Mendocino Council of Governments during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the basic financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the basic financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accounting estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The most sensitive estimates affecting the basic financial statements were:

- Capital asset lives and depreciation expense.
- Fair value of investments and financial instruments.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management, most were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

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

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Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 22, 2016.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

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Current Year Observations

There were no current year observations.

Prior Year Observations

1) Risk Management

Observation:

During the course of our audit it was noted that the Board is not insured for Directors and Officers insurance. In addition Mendocino Council of Governments' (the Council) should research if their funds on deposit with the County Treasury are insured against the risk of loss from fraudulent transactions.

Recommendation:

We recommended the Council review their insurance policies to ensure their Directors, Officers and assets are insured against the risk of loss.

Status:

The Council reviewed their insurance policies and concluded they are adequately insured for the risks noted.

2) Non Recurring Journal Entries

Observation:

During the course of our audit it was noted that the nonrecurring journal entries recorded to the Council's general ledger are not being reviewed by someone other than the preparer.

Recommendation:

We recommended the Council establish a policy that all nonrecurring journal entries are reviewed by someone other than the preparer. The review should be documented by initialing the journal entry.

Status:

This recommendation has been implemented.

3) GASB 54

Observation:

During the course of our audit it was noted that the Council has not formalized its fund balance reserve policy in compliance with GASB 54.

Recommendation:

We recommended the Council formalize its fund balance reserve policy in compliance with GASB 54.

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Status:

This recommendation has been implemented.

4) Claimant Audits

Observation:

During the course of our audit it was noted that the City of Ukiah and County of Mendocino had not completed their 6/30/14 TDA audits by the March 31, 2015 deadline. The Council is working with these agencies to complete their audits.

Recommendation:

We recommended the Council continue to work with these agencies to complete their audits in compliance with the TDA deadlines for future years.

Status:

This recommendation has been implemented.