Financial and Performance Audits Measure J General Obligation Bond Construction Fund June 30, 2023

North Orange County Community College District



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee North Orange County Community College District Anaheim, California

## **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the North Orange County Community College District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the North Orange County Community College District, as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinion**

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, 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 opinion.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## 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.

## Auditor's 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 District'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.

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.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the financial statements. The other information comprises the schedule of 2022-2023 assessed valuation and 2021-2022 secured tax charge and delinquency and schedule of twenty largest 2022-2023 local secured taxpayers, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2023 on our consideration of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the District'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 General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the District'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 General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the District's internal control Fund (Measure J) of the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Erde Bailly LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California December 7, 2023

June 30, 2023

Assets Investments Receivables	\$ 201,491,437 627,617
Total assets	\$ 202,119,054
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities Accounts payable Due to other funds	\$     777,475 918
Total liabilities	778,393
Fund Balance Restricted for capital projects	201,340,661
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 202,119,054

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues Interest income Change in fair market value of investments	\$    4,866,237 (993,312)
Total revenues	3,872,925
Expenditures Current Expenditures	
Supplies and materials Services and other expenditures Capital outlay	87,740 907,029 10,472,674
Total expenditures	11,467,443
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	(7,594,518)
Other Financing Sources Other sources - issuance of general obligation bonds	150,000,000
Change in Fund Balance	142,405,482
Fund Balance, Beginning	58,935,179
Fund Balance, End	\$ 201,340,661

## Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the North Orange County Community College District's (the District) General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The North Orange County Community College District's (the District) General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) accounts for financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the California Community Colleges *Budget and Accounting Manual*.

## **Financial Reporting**

The financial statements include only the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the District. This Fund was established to account for the receipt of proceeds of general obligation bond issuances and the expenditures of the proceeds under the General Obligation Bond Election of November 4, 2014. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and changes in financial position of the District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to, and accounted for, in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

## **Basis of Accounting**

The General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

## **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. The District's governing board adopts an operating budget in accordance with State law. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's governing board satisfied these requirements. The Board revises this budget during the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenues and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.

#### Encumbrances

The District utilizes an encumbrance accounting system under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid and all outstanding encumbrances lapse at June 30.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and those estimates may be material.

#### **Fund Balance**

As of June 30, 2023, the fund balance is classified as follows:

**Restricted** - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

## Note 2 - Investments

## **Policies and Practices**

The District is authorized under California *Government Code* to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

#### **Investment in County Treasury**

In accordance with the *Budget and Accounting Manual*, the District maintains substantially all of its cash in the County Treasury as part of the common investment pool. The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool. The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which are recorded on the amortized cost basis. The District's investment in the County Treasury is maintained at fair value on a recurring basis which is determined by the fair value per share of the underlying portfolio determined by the program sponsor. Positions in the investment pool are not required to be categorized within the fair market hierarchy.

#### **General Authorizations**

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years 5 years	None None	None None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Orange County Educational Investment Pool. The District maintains a General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) investment of \$201,491,437 with the Orange County Educational Investment Pool, with an average maturity of 225 days.

## **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District's investment in the Orange County Educational Investment Pool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's Rating Service.

## Note 3 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2023, consisted of accrued interest for a total of \$627,617.

## Note 4 - Due to Other Funds

Amounts due to other funds at June 30, 2023, consisted of \$918 due to the General Fund for capital outlay costs incurred by Measure J, but paid for by the other fund.

## Note 5 - Bonded Debt

## **Description of Debt**

General obligation bonds were approved by a local election in November 2014. The total amount approved by the voters was \$574,000,000 to be used to finance the acquisition, construction, modernization and equipping of District sites and facilities. At June 30, 2023, \$285,355,000 was outstanding. Interest rates on the bonds range from 2.00% to 5.00%. The debt is being paid by the District's Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.

A schedule of changes in long-term liabilities related to the general obligation bonds for the year ended June 30, 2023, is shown below:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due in One Year
Bonds Payable					
2016A General obligation bonds	\$ 35,845,000	\$-	\$ (745,000)	\$ 35,100,000	\$ 840,000
2019B General obligation bonds	115,125,000	-	(14,870,000)	100,255,000	1,195,000
2022C General obligation bonds	-	150,000,000	-	150,000,000	15,165,000
Unamortized premium	14,657,471	3,028,405	(830,867)	16,855,009	
Total bonds payable	\$ 165,627,471	\$ 153,028,405	\$ (16,445,867)	\$ 302,210,009	\$ 17,200,000

## **General Obligation Bonds**

lssue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Bonds Dutstanding, July 1, 2022	Issued	Redeemed	Bonds Dutstanding, une 30, 2023
2016 2019 2022	2041 2045 2048	2.00%-4.00% 2.63%-4.00% 4.00%-5.00%	\$ 100,000,000 150,000,000 150,000,000	\$ 35,845,000 115,125,000 -	\$ - - 150,000,000	\$ (745,000) (14,870,000) -	\$ 35,100,000 100,255,000 150,000,000
				\$ 150,970,000	\$ 150,000,000	\$ (15,615,000)	\$ 285,355,000

## **Debt Service Requirements**

The 2016A General Obligation Bonds mature through 2041 as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Current Interest to Maturity	Total
2024	\$ 840,000	\$ 1,168,138	\$ 2,008,138
2025	935,000	1,132,638	2,067,638
2026	1,040,000	1,093,138	2,133,138
2027	1,155,000	1,049,238	2,204,238
2028	1,270,000	1,000,738	2,270,738
2029-2033	8,245,000	4,278,306	12,523,306
2034-2038	12,080,000	2,560,625	14,640,625
2039-2041	9,535,000	441,073	9,976,073
Total	\$ 35,100,000	\$ 12,723,894	\$ 47,823,894

The 2019B General Obligation Bonds mature through 2045 as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Current Interest to Maturity	Total
2024	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 3,562,288	\$ 4,757,288
2025	1,400,000	3,510,388	4,910,388
2026	1,615,000	3,450,088	5,065,088
2027	1,845,000	3,380,888	5,225,888
2028	2,090,000	3,302,188	5,392,188
2029-2033	14,695,000	14,953,435	29,648,435
2034-2038	23,125,000	11,666,325	34,791,325
2039-2043	35,065,000	7,365,475	42,430,475
2044-2045	19,225,000	782,900	20,007,900
Total	\$ 100,255,000	\$ 51,973,975	\$ 152,228,975

The 2022C General Obligation Bonds mature through 2048 as follows:

		Current Interest	
Fiscal Year	Principal	to Maturity	Total
2024	\$ 15,165,000	\$ 6,158,975	\$ 21,323,975
2025	10,940,000	5,506,350	16,446,350
2026	11,810,000	4,937,600	16,747,600
2027	-	4,642,350	4,642,350
2028	-	4,642,350	4,642,350
2029-2033	3,490,000	22,971,750	26,461,750
2034-2038	9,770,000	21,200,000	30,970,000
2039-2043	21,800,000	18,059,975	39,859,975
2044-2048	77,025,000	9,394,500	86,419,500
Total	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 97,513,850	\$ 247,513,850

## Note 6 - Commitments and Contingencies

As of June 30, 2023, the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) had approximately \$6.4 million in commitments with respect to unfinished projects.

## Litigation

The District is not currently a party to any legal proceedings related to the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J).

Independent Auditor's Report June 30, 2023 North Orange County Community College District



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## Independent Auditor's 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 Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee North Orange County Community College District Anaheim, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the North Orange County Community College District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2023.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J), and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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 District's General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) 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 General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the District's financial statements are free of 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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Erde Bailly LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California December 7, 2023

# North Orange County Community College District Measure J General Obligation Bond Construction Fund Schedule of 2022-2023 Assessed Valuation and 2021-2022 Secured Tax Charge and Delinquency (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30, 2023

		2022-2023 Assessed V	aluation	
	Local Secured	Utility	Unsecured	Total
Orange Coun	ty Portion			
2021-22 2022-23	\$ 150,705,981,136 160,868,700,445	\$ 145,918,764 144,218,764	\$ 6,007,150,427 6,389,166,626	\$ 156,859,050,327 167,402,085,835
Los Angeles (	County Portion			
2021-22 2022-23	\$ 3,630,508,728 3,808,035,094	\$ 22,128 22,128	\$  14,854,357 15,512,045	\$ 3,645,385,213 3,823,569,267
Total District				
2021-22 2022-23	\$ 154,336,489,864 164,676,735,539	\$ 145,940,892 144,240,892	\$ 6,022,004,784 6,404,678,671	\$ 160,504,435,540 171,225,655,102
		Secured Tax Charge and E (Orange County Portio		
	Secured Tax Charge (1)	Amt. Del. June 30	% Del. June 30	
2021-22 2022-23	\$	\$	0.71% 0.76%	
		Secured Tax Charge and I (Orange County Portic		
	Secured Tax Charge (2)	Amt. Del. June 30	% Del. June 30	
2021-22 2022-23	\$ 42,331,527 44,222,368	\$  283,561 255,884	0.67% 0.58%	

(1) 1% General Fund apportionment. Excludes supplemental roll.

(2) District's general obligation debt service levy. Excludes supplemental roll. Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

# North Orange County Community College District Measure J General Obligation Bond Construction Fund Schedule of Twenty Largest 2022-2023 Local Secured Taxpayers (Unaudited) Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Property Owner	Land Use	 2022-2023 Assessed Valuation (2)	% of Total (1)
1.	Walt Disney World Co.	Theme Park	\$ 6,151,887,096	3.74%
2.	Knott's Berry Farm	Theme Park	398,927,101	0.24%
3.	Mauerhan Trust	Commercial	393,415,077	0.24%
4.	Prologis	Industrial	376,291,191	0.23%
5.	Waterford Property Company	Apartments	307,431,100	0.19%
6.	Warland Investment Company	Industrial	287,927,570	0.17%
7.	Bridge WF II CA Madison Park LLC	Apartments	283,080,243	0.17%
8.	Retail Property Trust	Commercial	255,361,551	0.16%
9.	GLC Fullerton LLC	Industrial	235,723,067	0.14%
10.	C3J L P	Commercial	232,969,929	0.14%
11.	HHC HA Investments II Inc.	Commercial	231,567,012	0.14%
12.	FJS INC	Commercial	218,293,270	0.13%
13.	Anaheim Concourse ILP LLC	Commercial	209,961,486	0.13%
14.	The Bryant at Yorba Linda	Apartments	208,472,470	0.13%
15.	Rreef America REIT II Corp.	Industrial	204,705,223	0.12%
16.	PR 1910 Union LLC	Apartments	197,869,800	0.12%
17.	Bridge Energy LLC	Oil & Gas	190,299,339	0.12%
18.	PR 1921 Union LLC	Apartments	189,720,000	0.12%
19.	Olen Pointe Brea Corp.	Apartments	186,092,610	0.11%
20.	IMP Valenta LP	Apartments	 185,080,072	0.11%
			\$ 10,945,075,207	6.65%
(1) 20	022-2023 Local Secured Assessed Valuation:	\$ 164,676,735,539		

(2) Source: California Municipal Statistics, Inc.

None reported.

There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Performance Audit Measure J General Obligation Bond Construction Fund June 30, 2023

North Orange County Community College District



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#### Independent Auditor's Report on Performance

Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee North Orange County Community College District Anaheim, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) of the North Orange County Community College District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

## Audit Authority/Purpose

The Measure J General Obligation Bonds (the Bonds) were issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California (the State), including the provisions of Chapters 1 and 1.5 of Part 10 of the California *Education Code*, and other applicable provisions of law. The District received authorization from an election held on November 4, 2014, to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$574,000,000 to finance the acquisition, construction, modernization, and equipping of District sites and facilities. The Measure required approval by at least 55% of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District.

In June 2016, the District issued Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016A in the amount of \$100,000,000. The Series 2016A Bonds were authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 10, 2016. The Bonds represent the first series of the bonds sold within the Authorization.

In May 2019, the District issued Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019B in the amount of \$150,000,000. The Series 2019B Bonds were authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on April 23, 2019. The Bonds represent the second series of the bonds sold within the Authorization.

In September 2022, the District issued Election of 2014 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022C in the amount of \$150,000,000. The Series 2022C Bonds were authorized to be issued by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 23, 2022. The Bonds represent the third series of the bonds sold within the Authorization.

## Purpose

The general obligation bond funds of the District would be used to finance the acquisition, construction, modernization, and equipping of District sites and facilities, as well as pay the costs associated with the issuance of the bonds.

## Authority

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the District for the following: "construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of rental property for school facilities", upon approval by 55% of the electorate. In addition to reduction of the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55%, Proposition 39 and the enacting legislation (AB 1908 and AB 2659) requires the following accountability measures as codified in *Education Code* Sections 15278-15282:

- Requires that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other district operating expenses.
- 2. The District must list the specific facilities projects to be funded in the ballot measure, and must certify that the Governing Board has evaluated safety and information technology needs in developing the project list.
- 3. Requires the District to appoint a citizens' oversight committee.
- 4. Requires the District to conduct an annual independent financial audit and performance audit in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of the bond proceeds until all of the proceeds have been expended.
- 5. Requires the District to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

## **Objectives of the Audit**

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed below which includes determining the compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. Management is responsible for the District compliance with those requirements.

- 1. Determine whether expenditures charged to the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of Measure J.
- 2. Determine whether salary transactions, if any, charged to the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) were in support of Measure J and not for District general administration or operations.

## Scope of the Audit

The scope of our performance audit covered the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The population of expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources, other than proceeds of the Bonds, were not included within the scope of the audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2023, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

## Methodology

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, for the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J). Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices, purchase orders, and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Measure J as to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

- 1. We identified expenditures and projects charged to the general obligation bond proceeds by obtaining the general ledger and project listing.
- 2. We selected a sample of expenditures using the following criteria:
  - a. We considered all expenditures recorded in all object codes.
  - b. We considered all expenditures recorded in all projects that were funded from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 from Measure J bond proceeds.
  - c. We selected all expenditures that were individually significant expenditures. Individually significant expenditures were identified based on our assessment of materiality.
  - d. For all items below the individually significant threshold identified in item 2c, judgmentally selected expenditures based on risk assessment and consideration of coverage of all object codes and projects for period starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The results can be projected to the intended population.

- Expenditures Expenditures Percentage of Total Category of Expense Incurred Tested \$ \$ 0% Supplies and materials 87,740 Services and other expenditures 907,029 61,500 7% Capital outlay 10,472,674 7,050,311 67% Total \$ 62% \$ 11,467,443 7,111,811
- 3. Our sample included transactions totaling \$7,111,811. This represents 62% of the total expenditures of \$11,467,443.

- 4. We reviewed the actual invoices and other supporting documentation to determine that:
  - a. Expenditures were supported by invoices with evidence of proper approval and documentation of receipting goods or services.
  - b. Expenditures were supported by proper bid documentation, as applicable.
  - c. Expenditures were expended in accordance with voter-approved bond project list.
  - d. Bond proceeds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenses of the District.
- 5. We determined that the District has met the compliance requirement of Measure J if the following conditions were met:
  - a. Supporting documents for expenditures were aligned with the voter-approved bond project list.
  - b. Expenditures were not used for salaries of administrators or other operating expenses of the District.

The results of our tests indicated that the District expended General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters, in accordance with Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

## **Audit Results**

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the General Obligation Bond Construction Fund (Measure J) and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District, Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ende Bailly LLP

Rancho Cucamonga, California December 7, 2023

None reported.