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LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR AUDIT

August 5, 2025

Board of Directors and Management
Vacaville Fire Protection District of Solano County
420 Vine Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

I am pleased to confirm my understanding of the services I am to provide to the Vacaville Fire Protection District of Solano County (the District) for the years ended June 30, 2023 to 2025

Audit Scope and Objectives:

I will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the disclosures which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the District as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 to 2025. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the District's basic financial statements. Such 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. As part of our engagement, I will apply certain limited procedures to the District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. I will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required by GAAP and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis, if applicable.
2. Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances, Budget and Actual, for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund

The objectives of this audit are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion about whether the financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial

likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement of a reasonable user made based on the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

I will conduct my audit in accordance with GAAS and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures I consider necessary to enable me to express such opinions. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

I will evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management. I will also evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation. I will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because I will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected by me, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, I will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to my attention. I will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to my attention, unless clearly inconsequential. My responsibility as auditor is limited to the period covered by the audit and does not extend to any later periods for which I am not engaged as auditor.

I will also conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the government's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

My procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories if applicable, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected customers, creditors, and financial institutions. I will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement.

I may, from time to time and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. I may share confidential information about you with these service providers but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, I maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, I will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and I will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that I am unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, I will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

My audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities.

Audit Procedures – Internal Control

I will obtain an understanding of the government and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinions. 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, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, I will express no such opinion. However, during the audit, I will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards.

Audit Procedures – Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of my audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and I will not express such an opinion.

Other Services

I will also prepare the financial statements of the District in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

I will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statement services previously defined. I, in my sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedures or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the financial statement preparation services and any other nonattest services I provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

My audit will be conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand your responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, including monitor ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America with the oversight of those charged with governance.

Management is responsible for making drafts of financial statements, all financial records, and related information available to me and for the accuracy and completeness of that information (including from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers). You are also responsible for providing me with (1) access

to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, identification of all related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions, and other matters; (2) additional information that I may request for the purpose of the audit; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom I determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence. At the conclusion of my audit, I will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to me in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by me during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing me about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing me of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information with conforming with GAAP. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon or make the audited financial statements readily available to user of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to me in the representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to me any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Engagement Administration, Fees and Other:

I understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The audit documentation for this engagement are my property and constitute confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, I may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to certain agencies, or its designee for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. I will notify you of such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under my supervision.

I will be responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report. I expect to begin the audit on approximately September 29 and expect to issue my reports no later than January 31 if no unexpected circumstances are encountered.

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Based on our present understanding of the situation, my professional fees will be as follows.

Fiscal year ending 2023	\$12,000
Fiscal year ending 2024	\$12,000
Fiscal year ending 2025	\$12,000

The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant time is necessary, I will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before I incur the additional costs.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide my services to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have questions, please let me know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the letter and return a copy to me.

Very truly yours,



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District's Response:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Vacaville Fire Protection District of Solano County.

By: 
Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Date: 11.18.25