



January 31, 2022

To the Board of Supervisors
County of Solano, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component units and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Solano, California (County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and have issued our reports thereon, as indicated below:

Reporting Entity:

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
Solano First 5 Children and Families Commission

Audit Report Date:

January 31, 2022
October 12, 2021

We are currently performing the audit of the County's federal award programs (Single Audit) and anticipate issuing our report thereon prior to March 31, 2022.

Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As communicated in our letter dated May 10, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements and major program compliance does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the County solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding internal controls during our audit in our 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* dated January 31, 2022.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Qualitative Aspects of the County's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible to select and use appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the County are described in Note I to the financial statements. As described in Note IV.E and IV.G, the County has implemented accounting policies related to accounting for fiduciary activities to adopt the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to the financial statements beginning July 1, 2020. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on 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 financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimates were used in estimating the self-insurance liability reserves, amounts related to the net pension liability, net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability, and related deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the County's financial statements were:

As disclosed in Note IV.A of the financial statements, the valuation of the County's net pension liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources are sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions used including, but not limited to, the investment rate of return and discount rate. As disclosed in Note IV.A, a one percent increase or decrease in the discount rate has a material effect on the County's net pension liability.

As disclosed in Note IV.B of the financial statements, the valuation of the County's net OPEB liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources are sensitive to the underlying actuarial assumptions used including, but not limited to, the investment rate of return, discount rate, and the healthcare cost trend rate. As disclosed in Note IV.B, a one percent increase or decrease in the discount rate or healthcare cost trend rate has a material effect on the County's net OPEB liability.

As disclosed in Note IV.G, the County restated beginning net position and fund balance as a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*.

Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole.

The following summarizes uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects in the current and prior periods, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole and each opinion unit.

The effect of these uncorrected misstatements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

- **Governmental Activities:** Overstatement of beginning net position and overstatement of current year depreciation expense of \$1,220,475.
- **Business-Type Activities:** Overstatement of beginning net position and overstatement of current year depreciation expense of \$27,887.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested from Management

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated as follows:

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Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the County, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating conditions affecting the County, and operating plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the County's auditors.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the County's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information.

However, in accordance with such standards, we will review the information inputted into the data collection form and will consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially consistent with the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

Modification of the Auditor's Report

The Auditor's report includes an emphasis of matter, describing the County's adoption of the provisions of the GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which has resulted in a restatement in net position and fund balance as of July 1, 2020.

Group Audits

The financial statements include the financial statements of the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano County Facilities Corporation, Solano County Housing Authority, and the East Vallejo Fire Protection District, which are blended component units of the County, and the Solano County Fair and Workforce Development Board, which are discretely presented component units, which for the purposes of our audit we did not consider to be significant components within the financial statements. Consistent with the audit of the financial statements as a whole, our audit included obtaining an understand of the component units and their environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements and completion of further audit procedures.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Supervisors, and management of the County and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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