



# BROWN ARMSTRONG

*Certified Public Accountants*

To the Board of Commissioners of the  
Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission  
Modesto, California

We have audited the financial statements of the general fund of the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission (the Commission) for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 26, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## **Significant Audit Findings**

### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Commission adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*; GASB Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*; and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by the Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the 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 financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Commission's financial statements were year-end estimates of net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources:

We evaluated management's estimates of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, which are based on actuarial reports and prepared and provided by an independent third party. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

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The disclosure of the pension plan, net pension liability, and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in Note 9 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*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 clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We did not detect any material misstatements during our audit. We noted one immaterial item that we considered to be uncorrected. Please see attached schedule of waived adjustments for detail.

*Disagreements with Management*

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

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 29, 2015.

*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 Commission's 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 the Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, the Commission's Portion of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of the Commission's Contribution, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted 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. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Supplemental Schedule of First 5 California Funding, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

**Restriction on Use**

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

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Bakersfield, California  
September 29, 2015

Client: **78457 - Stanislaus County First 5**  
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 Period Endir **6/30/2015**  
 Workpaper: **PSR-27 - Passed/Waived Adjusting Journal Entries Report**

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
<b>Waived Adjusting Journal Entries # 1</b>		<b>30-02</b>		
To record an expenditure item that belong to the prior year. Invoice not received until November 2014.				
7330	Service and Supplies		\$ 33,685	
6111	Fund Balance			\$ 33,685
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 33,685</b>	<b>\$ 33,685</b>