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## **Association of Bay Area Governments**

Audit Results and Required Communications November 17, 2022



Dear Members of the Finance Committee of Association of Bay Area Governments,

We are pleased to present our report on the audit of Association of Bay Area Governments. Our report includes a summary of the audit results and also required auditor communications under professional standards.

Our audit is substantially completed. The remaining open items typical of this stage are the receipt of the management representation letter and standard subsequent event procedures through the date of audit report issuance.

We welcome any questions you or others may have on our audit. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the audit results.

## Sincerely,

Katherine V. Lai Engagement Partner

### **Client Service Team**



# Agenda



## **Audit Objectives**

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## Engagement Objectives

- The objective of an audit of financial statements is to <u>express an opinion</u> that the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.
- The audit of financial statements will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States (GAAS) and generally accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).
- Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether caused by error or fraud.
- Our audit includes consideration of internal controls over financial reporting, but we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of such internal controls. Our audit includes consideration of internal controls over financial reporting, but we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of such internal controls. Management is responsible for the design and the effectiveness of internal controls.

## **Audit Results**

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### **Financial Statement Audit Reports**



• Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2022.

Entity	Opinion
ABAG	Unmodified

• We did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses during our audit.

## Other Reporting-Compliance

#### **Uniform Guidance Report**

- National Estuary Program.
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance.
  - No federal findings noted.
- 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*.
  - No instances of non-compliance or other matters noted.
  - No material weakness noted.

# Required Communications

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- Significant Accounting Policies: Those Charged with Governance should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Management has disclosed the summary of significant accounting policies in footnote 1 of each report.
- <u>Management Judgments and Accounting</u> <u>Estimates</u>: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments.



- Adoption of New Accounting Standards:
  - Leases (GASB 87)
  - Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period (GASB 89)
  - Omnibus 2020 (GASB 92, certain paragraphs)
  - Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates (GASB 93, paragraphs 13-14)
  - CCUC and Section 457 Plans (GASB 97, except paragraphs 4-5)
  - The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (GASB 98)
  - Omnibus 2022 (GASB 99, paragraphs 26-32)
  - Implementation Guide 2019-3 (Leases)
  - Implementation Guide 2020-1 (Update 2020, Certain Questions)
  - Implementation Guide 2021-1 (Update 2021, Question 4.22)



- <u>Corrected Misstatements</u>: We did not note any material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.
- <u>Uncorrected Misstatements</u>: We did not note any uncorrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.



We did not note:

- Significant Accounting Policies in Controversial or Emerging Areas
- Significant Unusual Transactions
- Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit
- Disagreements with Management
- Consultations with Other Accountants
- Significant Related Party Findings and Issues
- Independence matters



## **Questions?**

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## Thank You

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