

**CPAs & BUSINESS ADVISORS** 

November 27, 2019

To the Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Reno, Nevada

We have audited the financial statements of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2019. 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 engagement letter dated March 8, 2019, 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 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 entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District 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.

## 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 Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

### Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2019. 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 are:

Management's estimate of the actuarial accrued liability for other postemployment benefits is based on a third-party actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the actuarial accrued liability for postemployment benefits in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the pension liability is based on actuarial valuation. The actuarial valuation is calculated based on the employee information submitted by the District to the Public Employees' Retirement System of the State of Nevada (PERS). We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of the pension liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the workers compensation pending claim liability is based on a thirdparty actuarial valuation for the City of Reno and modified using historical actual claim amounts paid by the District. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the workers compensation pending claim liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the 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 District's financial statements relate to: pensions, other post-employment benefits, and the correction of an error.

#### 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 imamterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

General Fund:

• Overstatement of accrued liabilities and related expenditures in the amount of \$39,511.

Workers' Compensation Fund:

• Overstatement of due to other governments and understatement of beginning net position in the amount of \$8,548.

Governmental Activities:

- Overstatement of accrued liabilities and related expenditures in the amount of \$39,511.
- Overstatement of due to other governments and understatement of beginning net position in the amount of \$8,548.

The effect of these uncorrected misstatements, including the effect of the reversal of prior year uncorrected misstatements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, is an understatement of change in net position of \$39,511, and an understatement in net position of \$48,059.

#### **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 that are included in the management representation letter dated November 27, 2019.

## 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 District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the entity, and business 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 District's auditors.

#### **Modification of the Auditor's Report**

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report. An emphasis of matter paragraph was included to address a correction of an error.

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

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