

# James Marta & Company Certified Public Accountants

Accounting, Auditing, Consulting, and Tax

# COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

To the Board of Directors CSAC Excess Insurance Authority Folsom, CA

We have audited the financial statements of the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 and have issued our report thereon dated December 9, 2011. Professional standards require that we communicate certain matters to you related to our audit. These are provided below:

# **Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated January 22, 2010, 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 conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your 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 CSAC-EIA 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 control and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated December 9, 2011.

# **Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements**

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the CSAC-EIA'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 have read other information contained in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with its presentation in 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.

# Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

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

# Qualitative Aspects of the CSAC-EIA'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 CSAC-EIA is included in Note 1-C to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during FY 2010-11.

# 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 the claim liabilities. Management's estimate of the claim liabilities is based on calculations reported by the actuary and claim administrators. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the claim liabilities including the discount rates used and determined that it is 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 CSAC-EIA's financial statements relate to accounting policies affecting claim liabilities and estimates as to the collectability of receivables.

# **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. The attached schedule (Attachment I) summarizes uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. We did not identify any corrected misstatements as a result of our audit procedures.

# **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 CSAC-EIA's 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 attached letter (Attachment II) dated December 9, 2011.

# **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 Findings or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with CSAC-EIA, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the CSAC-EIA, 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 CSAC-EIA's auditors.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, and management of CSAC Excess Insurance Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 9, 2011