

**SHASTA JOINT POWERS
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



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(A Component Unit of the County of Shasta, California)**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority
Redding, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of the County of Shasta, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the component unit's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design 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. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Authority at June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedules that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2020 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
December 16, 2020

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Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 2)</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Statement of Net Position</u>
ASSETS			
Restricted investments (Note 4)	\$ 173	\$ -	\$ 173
Interest receivable	-	187,138	187,138
Investment in lease to County of Shasta (Note 5)	-	24,809,827	24,809,827
Total Assets	<u>173</u>	<u>24,996,965</u>	<u>24,997,138</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Bond issuance costs	-	144,067	144,067
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>-</u>	<u>144,067</u>	<u>144,067</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities:			
Interest payable	-	187,138	187,138
Due within one year (Note 6)	-	2,135,000	2,135,000
Due after one year (Note 6)	-	23,032,513	23,032,513
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>25,354,651</u>	<u>25,354,651</u>
Fund Balance/Net Position:			
Fund balance			
Restricted for debt service	173	(173)	-
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 173</u>		
Net Position:			
Unrestricted		<u>\$ (213,446)</u>	<u>\$ (213,446)</u>

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Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 3)	Governmental Activities Statement of Activities
REVENUES			
Interest from investments	\$ 519	\$ -	\$ 519
Lease interest income	830,950	(12,663)	818,287
Lease principal payments	<u>2,078,257</u>	<u>(2,078,257)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,909,726</u>	<u>(2,090,920)</u>	<u>818,806</u>
 EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
General government	-	12,261	12,261
Debt Service			
Principal payments	2,080,000	(2,080,000)	-
Interest charges	<u>831,469</u>	<u>(43,090)</u>	<u>788,379</u>
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>2,911,469</u>	<u>(2,110,829)</u>	<u>800,640</u>
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	<u>(1,743)</u>	<u>19,909</u>	<u>18,166</u>
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION	<u>(1,743)</u>	<u>19,909</u>	<u>18,166</u>
 FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Beginning balance	<u>1,916</u>	<u>(233,527)</u>	<u>(231,611)</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 173</u>	<u>\$ (213,618)</u>	<u>\$ (213,446)</u>

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Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of Reporting Entity

The Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (Authority) was created on May 29, 1990, as a result of a Joint Exercise Powers Agreement between the County of Shasta (County) and the Successor Agency to the Shasta County Redevelopment Agency (Agency), formerly Shasta County Redevelopment Agency. The Authority is empowered to exercise any powers common to the County and the Agency.

The Authority's purpose is to finance public capital improvements. The Authority undertakes the sale and issuance of bonds. Bond proceeds are then used to design, construct, and acquire public capital improvements and lease, lease-back, sell, or re-sell such improvements to the County.

The Agreement is effective until July 1, 2030, unless extended or terminated by supplemental written agreement between the County and the Agency. The Agreement cannot terminate while any bonds remain outstanding. Upon dissolution of the Authority, any surplus assets shall be returned to the County and the Agency.

The Authority is a component unit of the County, and accordingly, is included in the basic financial statements of the County because the County's Board of Supervisors exercises oversight responsibility over the operation of the Authority and the Authority provides specific financial benefits to the County. Only the accounts of the Authority are included herein; therefore, these financial statements do not purport to represent the financial position or results of operations of the County. The financial data of the Authority is included in the County's annual financial report. Administrative costs of the Authority are paid by the County and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, while the governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The operations of the fund statements are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures. Authority resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The Authority uses the following fund:

Governmental fund types account for the activities of the Authority. The measurement focus is based upon spending or financial flow and the determination of changes in fund balance (net current assets). The following are the Authority's governmental fund types:

General fund accounts for the accumulation of financial resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

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The statement of net position and statement of activities columns reflect consolidated results of operations using the accrual basis of accounting and eliminating all interfund activity.

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the basic financial statements. Governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available as net current assets. Revenues not considered available are recorded as deferred revenues. Revenues considered susceptible to accrual include interest and lease payments. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

The statement of net position and statement of activities columns represent operations on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Capital Assets are not capitalized in the accompanying financial statements as they are reported as a financed purchase in the County.

Investment in Lease to County of Shasta is recorded as direct financing leases to the County. The County may, pursuant to the lease agreement, abate the lease payments by the amount of investment interest income earned by the trustee on the reserve and lease payment accounts.

Bond Issuance Costs are expensed immediately, as incurred, except for bond insurance costs which are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related debt obligations.

Bond Premium and Discount are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related debt obligations which is not materially different from the effective interest method.

Restricted Fund Balance includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by external parties (such as creditors, grant providers, or contributors) or by law.

Use of Estimates in preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are required by management as well as assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2: **Explanation of Adjustments Between the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position**

The long-term investment in the asset of the County of Shasta and corresponding long-term debt obligations are not due and payable in the current period for governmental funds.

Lease repayments in the governmental funds are reported as revenues as they increase fund balance and reflect an inflow of current resources. However, the statement of net position includes the investment in the lease to the County of Shasta and long-term debt obligation of \$ 24,809,827 and \$ 25,167,513 respectively.

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Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when legally due. However, the statement of net position reflects interest payable as the obligation is incurred in the amount of \$ 187,138. Concurrently, interest receivable from the County in the amount of \$ 187,138 is not an available resource for the governmental funds. However, the statement of net position reflects this receivable as the interest has been earned.

Prepaid insurance costs of \$ 144,067 are assets that are not available financial resources for the governmental funds. However, this cost is capitalized in the statement of net position and amortized over the life of the of the related debt obligations.

The differences arising from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds balance sheets are summarized as follows:

Fund balance as of June 30, 2020	\$	173
Investment in County lease receivable	\$ 24,809,827	
Accrued interest receivable	187,138	
Bond issuance costs	144,067	
Revenue bonds payable	(25,167,513)	
Accrued interest payable	(187,138)	
Total Adjustments		(213,619)
Net position as of June 30, 2020	\$	<u><u>(213,446)</u></u>

Note 3: **Explanation of Adjustments Between the Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and Statement of Activities**

Lease repayments in the governmental funds are reported as revenues as they increase fund balance and reflect an inflow of current resources. However, principal lease repayments of \$ 2,078,257 are a reduction of the investment in the lease with the County and do not result in income in the statement of activities. In addition, the net change in the interest receivable from the County of \$ 12,663 represents a reduction of earned interest income in the statement of activities.

Repayment of bond principal is reported as expenditure in governmental funds and, thus, has the effect of reducing fund balance because current resources have been used. However, the principal payments of \$ 2,080,000 reduce the liabilities in the statement of net position and do not result in an expense in the statement of activities.

Interest expense in the statement of activities is reported when incurred in contrast to governmental funds where it is recorded when legally due. As a result, interest expense in the statement of activities is \$ 12,663 less than the amount reported in the governmental funds revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance.

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The effects of the differences for amounts reported in the statement of activities are summarized as follows:

Net change in fund balance – governmental funds		\$	(1,743)
Lease principle payments	\$	(2,078,257)	
Change in interest receivable		(12,663)	
Change in interest payable		12,663	
Repayment of bond principal		2,080,000	
Amortization of bond issuance costs		(12,261)	
Amortization of bond premium/(discount)		30,427	
Total Adjustments			19,909
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$	18,166

Note 4: **Restricted Investments**

Under the terms of the indenture agreements, the trustee receives and disburses all Certificates of Participation (COP) proceeds and income of the Authority. The trustee also acts as paying agent and COP registrar for the Authority. The Authority’s investments are recorded at fair market value.

The indenture agreements also provide for the establishment of special accounts, all to be held and administered by the trustee in accordance with the provisions described in the indenture agreements, lease payments received from the County are recorded in restricted asset accounts.

State statute requires that all deposits be insured or collateralized. Depositories holding public funds on deposit are required to maintain collateral in the form of a pool of securities with the agent of the depository having a market value of at least 10 to 50 percent more than the total amount of all public funds on deposit. The Authority’s deposits are entirely insured or collateralized.

At June 30, 2020, the Authority had the following investments:

Cash and Investments

Money Market Funds		\$	173
Total Cash and Investments		\$	173

The Authority maintains all its cash and investments outside Shasta County’s investment pool. Required disclosure information regarding categorization of investments and other deposit and investment risk disclosures can be found in the County’s financial statements. The County of Shasta’s financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County of Shasta’s Administrative Office at 1450 Court Street, Suite 308A, Redding, CA 96001. The Shasta County Treasury Oversight Committee oversees the Treasurer’s investments and policies.

Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40 requires additional disclosures about a government’s deposits and investments risks that include credit risk, custodial risk, concentration risk and interest rate risk. The Authority has no deposit or investment policy that addresses a specific type of risk.

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Required disclosures for the Authority's deposit and investment risks at June 30, 2020, were as follows:

Credit risk	Not rated
Custodial risk	N/A
Concentration of credit risk	N/A
Interest rate risk	Not available

Authorized Investments

The Authority is authorized to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes or investments within the state; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered state warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies/certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

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Note 5: **Investment in Lease to County of Shasta**

The following is a summary of the Authority's combined investment in leases to the County:

Fiscal Year	Total
2021	\$ 2,905,766
2022	2,908,316
2023	2,907,485
2024	2,380,100
2025	2,376,400
2026-2030	11,879,688
2031-2032	4,753,350
Total Lease Payments	30,111,106
Less: Unearned Income	(5,301,106)
Less: Fiscal Agent Cash	(173)
Net Investment in Lease Receivable	\$ 24,809,827

County Courthouse Improvement Project

In December 2011, the Authority defeased and redeemed the outstanding 1998 Series A Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (the 1998 Refunding Bonds) with original principal amount of \$9,165,000, and original issue date of March 11, 1998. The 1998 Series A Bonds were secured by rental payments made by the County pursuant to the 1998 Facility Lease and had an average interest rate of 4.1%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Lease to reduce the annual rental amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned lease. On November 4, 2011, concurrently with the termination of the 1998 Facility Lease, the County and the Authority entered a site lease (the Refunding Lease) to refund the 1998 Refunded Bonds. The 1998 Refunding Bonds were redeemed at 100% of par plus accrued interest on December 5, 2011 and the outstanding debt service requirements were satisfied by \$6,029,439 in cash. Additionally, the 2011 Courthouse Lease Refunding Bonds (the 2011 Refunding Bonds) were issued an original par amount of \$5,325,000 with an average interest rate of 2.65%. The 2011 Refunding Bonds first payment was made on June 1, 2012 and have a final maturity date of June 1, 2023.

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Future minimum lease payments to be received as of June 30, 2020, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total
2021	532,166
2022	533,916
2023	530,335
Total Lease Payments	1,596,418
Less: Unearned Income	(71,418)
Net Investment in Lease Receivable	\$ 1,525,000

Administration Center

On February 1, 2003, the Authority entered a lease with the County for the Administration Center. The lease calls for payments identical to the payments required on the 2003 Lease Revenue Bonds – Administration Center. Lease payments are due semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 of each year through the year 2033. The interest rate on the lease varies from 4.00% to 5.25%.

During 2013, the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (the “Authority”) defeased and redeemed the outstanding County Administration Building Project’s 2003 Series A Lease Revenue Bonds (the 2003 Admin Center Lease Revenue Bonds) with original principal amount of \$42,575,000, and original issue date of February 27, 2003. The Bonds were secured by rental payments made by the County pursuant to the 2003 Facility Lease and had an average interest rate of 4.86%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Lease to reduce the annual rental amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned lease. On December 1, 2012, concurrently with the termination of the 2003 Facility Lease, the County and the Authority entered a site lease (the Refunding Lease) to refund the 2003 Lease Revenue Bonds. The 2003 Refunding Bonds were redeemed at 100% of par plus accrued interest on April 1, 2014 and the outstanding debt service requirements were satisfied by \$37,557,609 in cash. Additionally, the 2013 Admin Center Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (the 2013 Refunding Bonds) were issued an original par amount of \$33,505,000 with an average interest rate of 3.1%. The 2013 Refunding Bonds first principal payment being made on April 1, 2014 and have a final maturity date of April 1, 2032.

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Future minimum lease payments to be received as of June 30, 2020, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total
2021	\$ 2,373,600
2022	2,374,400
2023	2,377,150
2024	2,380,100
2025	2,376,400
2026-2030	11,879,688
2031-2032	4,753,350
Total Lease Payments	28,514,688
Less: Unearned Income	(5,229,688)
Less: Fiscal Agent Cash	(173)
Net Investment in Lease Receivable	\$ 23,284,827

Note 6: **Long-Term Debt**

The Authority's long-term debt obligations consist of the following as of June 30, 2020:

Long-Term Debt Summary

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Payments	Balance June 30, 2020	Current
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
Lease Revenue Bonds:					
2013 Lease Revenue Bonds - Administrative Center	24,880,000	-	1,595,000	23,285,000	1,640,000
Amortized bond premium	387,940	-	30,427	357,513	-
Notes from Direct Placements:					
2011 Lease Revenue Bonds - County Courthouse Improvement Project	\$ 2,010,000	\$ -	\$ 485,000	\$ 1,525,000	\$ 495,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 27,277,940	\$ -	\$ 2,110,427	\$ 25,167,513	\$ 2,135,000

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On November 1, 2011, the Authority entered a financing agreement with Bank of America for \$5,325,000 to prepay the 1998 Series A Lease Revenue Bonds – Courthouse Improvements. Payments on the bonds are due semi-annually on December 1 and June 1 of each year through 2023. The interest rate on the amount financed is 2.65%. The Authority also entered a new lease with the County for the Courthouse. The lease requires payments identical to the payments required by the financing agreement with Bank of America.

The debt service schedules for these bonds are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	495,000	37,166	532,166
2022	510,000	23,916	533,916
2023	520,000	10,335	530,335
Total	<u>\$ 1,525,000</u>	<u>\$ 71,418</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,418</u>

2013 Refunding Lease Revenue Bonds – Administration Center

On February 12, 2003, the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority issued \$42,575,000 for the construction of an administration building, parking structure, other land acquisitions, establish a reserve fund and pay capitalized interest. The bonds mature in annual installments due each April 1 in amounts ranging from \$750,000 to \$1,675,000. The stated interest on the bonds ranges from 4.00% to 5.25% per annum with interest payments made each April 1 and October 1. Commencing in 2024 through the remaining life of the bonds, the bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

During 2013, the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (the “Authority”) defeased and redeemed the outstanding County Administration Building Project’s 2003 Series A Lease Revenue Bonds (the 2003 Admin Center Lease Revenue Bonds) with original principal amount of \$42,575,000, and original issue date of February 27, 2003. The Bonds were secured by rental payments made by the County pursuant to the 2003 Facility Lease and had an average interest rate of 4.86%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Lease to reduce the annual rental amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned lease. On December 1, 2012, concurrently with the termination of the 2003 Facility Lease, the County and the Authority entered a site lease (the Refunding Lease) to refund the 2003 Lease Revenue Bonds. The 2003 Refunding Bonds were redeemed at 100% of par plus accrued interest on April 1, 2014 and the outstanding debt service requirements were satisfied by \$37,557,609 in cash. Additionally, the 2013 Admin Center Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (the 2013 Refunding Bonds) were issued an original par amount of \$33,505,000 with an average interest rate of 3.1%. The 2013 Refunding Bonds first principal payment was made on April 1, 2014 and have a final maturity date of April 1, 2032.

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The payment schedules for these bonds are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	1,640,000	733,600	2,373,600
2022	1,690,000	684,400	2,374,400
2023	1,735,000	642,150	2,377,150
2024	1,790,000	590,100	2,380,100
2025	1,840,000	536,400	2,376,400
2026-2030	10,075,000	1,804,688	11,879,688
2031-2032	4,515,000	238,350	4,753,350
Total	<u>\$23,285,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,229,688</u>	<u>\$28,514,688</u>

Note 7: **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and distribution of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters.

Because of the close relationship between the Authority and the County of Shasta, the Authority's liability coverage is provided by the County's insurance policies. Complete information on risk management can be found in the County of Shasta's audited financial statements



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Directors
Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority
Redding, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of the County of Shasta, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an

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opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California
December 16, 2020