SHASTA JOINT POWERS FINANCING AUTHORITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority Redding, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Authority, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

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 November 28, 2022 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.

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Roseville, California November 28, 2022

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 2)	Governmental Activities Statement of Net Position
ASSETS Restricted investments (Note 4) Interest receivable Notes receivable (Note 5) Prepaid bond insurance Total Assets	\$ 37 - - - 37	\$ - 161,812 20,474,964 <u>119,545</u> 20,756,321	\$ 37 161,812 20,474,964 <u>119,545</u> 20,756,358
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities: Interest payable Due within one year (Note 6) Due after one year (Note 6) Total Liabilities	- - 	161,812 2,255,000 18,516,659 20,933,471	161,812 2,255,000 18,516,659 20,933,471
Fund Balance/Net Position: Fund balance Restricted for debt service Total Fund Balance	37 \$37	(37)	<u> </u>
Net Position: Unrestricted		<u>\$ (177,113)</u>	<u>\$ (177,113)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNENTAL REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Ge	eneral Fund	A	djustments (Note 3)	St	vernmental Activities atement of Activities
REVENUES	•		•		•	•
Interest from investments	\$	8	\$	-	\$	8
Interest income		708,308		(12,663)		695,645
Principal payment income Total Revenues		2,200,007		(2,200,007)		-
Total Revenues		2,908,323		(2,212,670)		695,653
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES						
General government		-		12,261		12,261
Debt Service				,		,_•
Principal payments		2,200,000		(2,200,000)		-
Interest charges		708,316		(43,090)		665,226
Total Expenditures/Expenses		2,908,316		(2,230,829)		677,487
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EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	3	7		18,159		18,166
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION		7		18,159		18,166
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION						
Beginning balance		30		(195,308)		(195,279)
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Ending balance	\$	37	\$	(177,149)	\$	(177,113)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements JUNE 30, 2022

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. Administrative costs of the Authority are paid by the County and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

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.

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.

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 unearned revenue. Revenues considered susceptible to accrual include interest and principal 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.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are defined as a consumption of net assets by Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (SJPFA) that is applicable to a future reporting period and an acquisition of net assets by SJPFA that is applicable to a future reporting period respectively.

Note receivable from the County of Shasta is recorded as direct financing agreement to the County. The County may, pursuant to the agreement, abate the payments by the amount of investment interest income earned by the trustee on the reserve and 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: <u>EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE</u> <u>SHEET AND THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</u>

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.

Note 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 note receivable from the County of Shasta and long-term debt obligation of \$ 20,474,964 and \$ 20,771,659 respectively.

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 \$ 161,812. Concurrently, interest receivable from the County in the amount of \$ 161,812 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 bond insurance of \$ 119,545 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, 2022		\$ 37
Investment in County note receivable	\$ 20,474,964	
Accrued interest receivable	161,812	
Prepaid bond insurance	119,545	
Revenue bonds payable	(20,771,659)	
Accrued interest payable	(161,812)	
Total Adjustments		(177,150)
Net position as of June 30, 2022		\$ (177,113)

NOTE 3: <u>EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REVENUES,</u> EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Note repayments in the governmental funds are reported as revenues as they increase fund balance and reflect an inflow of current resources. However, the principal repayments of \$ 2,200,007 are a reduction of the investment in the note receivable from 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 \$ 2,200,000 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.

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

Net change in fund balance – governmental funds	\$	7
Note principle payments	\$ (2,200,007)	
Change in interest receivable	(12,663)	
Change in interest payable	12,663	
Repayment of bond principal	2,200,000	
Amortization of prepaid bond issuance costs	(12,261)	
Amortization of bond premium/(discount)	30,427	
Total Adjustments		18,159
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	18,166

NOTE 4: <u>RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS</u>

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, note 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, 2022 the Authority had the following investments:

Cash and Investments	
Money Market Funds	\$ 37
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 37

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.

Required disclosures for the Authority's deposit and investment risks at June 30, 2022 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.

NOTE 5: NOTE RECEIVABLE FROM THE COUNTY OF SHASTA

Fiscal Year	Total
2023	2,907,485
2024	2,380,100
2025	2,376,400
2026	2,376,200
2027	2,374,350
2028-2032	11,882,488_
Total Note Payments Less: Unearned Income	24,297,023 (3,822,023)
Less: Fiscal Agent Cash	(37)
Net Investment in Note Receivable	<u>\$ 20,474,964</u>

The following is a summary of the Authority's combined note receivable from the County:

County Courthouse Improvement Project

In December 2011, the Authority defeased and redeemed the outstanding 1998 Series A 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 payments made by the County pursuant to the 1998 Facility Agreement and had an average interest rate of 4.1%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Agreement to reduce the annual amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned agreement. On November 4, 2011, concurrently with the termination of the 1998 Facility Agreement, the County and the Authority entered a site

agreement (the Refunding Agreement) 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 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.

Future minimum payments to be received as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total
2023	530,335
Total Note Payments	530,335
Less: Unearned Income	(10,335)
Net Investment in Note Receivable	<u>\$ 520,000</u>

Administration Center

On February 1, 2003, the Authority entered an agreement with the County for the Administration Center. The agreement calls for payments identical to the payments required on the 2003 Revenue Bonds – Administration Center. Payments are due semi-annually on October 1 and April 1 of each year through the year 2033. The interest rate on the agreement 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 Revenue Bonds (the 2003 Admin Center Revenue Bonds) with original principal amount of \$42,575,000, and original issue date of February 27, 2003. The Bonds were secured by payments made by the County pursuant to the 2003 Facility Agreement and had an average interest rate of 4.86%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Agreement to reduce the annual amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned agreement. On December 1, 2012, concurrently with the termination of the 2003 Facility Agreement, the County and the Authority entered a site agreement (the Refunding Agreement) to refund the 2003 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 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.

Future minimum note payments to be received as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Total
2023	2,377,150
2024	2,380,100
2025	2,376,400
2026	2,376,200
2027	2,374,350
2028-2032	11,882,488
Total Note Payments Less: Unearned Income	23,766,688 (3,811,688)
Less: Fiscal Agent Cash	(37)
Net Investment in Note Receivable	<u>\$ 19,954,964</u>

NOTE 6: LONG-TERM DEBT

The Authority's long-term debt obligations consist of the following as of June 30, 2022:

		Balance			Balance	
Governmental_Activities:		July 1, 2021	 Additions	 Payments	June 30, 2022	 Current
Revenue Bonds:						
2013 Revenue Bonds -						
Administrative Center		21,645,000	-	1,690,000	19,955,000	1,735,000
Amortized bond premium		327,086	-	30,427	296,659	-
Notes from Direct Placements	:					
2011 Revenue Bonds -						
County Courthouse						
Improvement Project	\$	1,030,000	\$ -	\$ 510,000	\$ 520,000	\$ 520,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$	23,002,086	\$ -	\$ 2,230,427	\$ 20,771,659	\$ 2,255,000

Long-Term Debt Summary

The County's outstanding notes from direct placement related to the Courthouse Improvement of \$1,030,000. The Courthouse Improvement debt is secured by the collection of fines by the Superior Court System. Non-payment of the scheduled payments would constitute default and make borrowing immediately due and payable.

On November 1, 2011, the Authority entered a financing agreement with Bank of America for \$5,325,000 to prepay the 1998 Series A 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 agreement with the County for the Courthouse. The agreement 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:

Fiscal Year	P	rincipal	- I	nterest	Total
2023		520,000		10,335	 530,335
Total	\$	520,000	\$	10,335	\$ 530,335
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2013 Refunding 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 range 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 Revenue Bonds (the 2003 Admin Center Revenue Bonds) with original principal amount of \$42,575,000, and original issue date of February 27, 2003. The Bonds were secured by payments made by the County pursuant to the 2003 Facility Agreement and had an average interest rate of 4.86%. The County desired to prepay its obligations under the Facility Agreement to reduce the annual amount paid by the County pursuant to the aforementioned agreement. On December 1, 2012, concurrently with the termination of the 2003 Facility Agreement, the County and the Authority entered a site agreement (the Refunding Agreement) to refund the 2003 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 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.

The payment schedules for these bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
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	1,895,000	481,200	2,376,200
2027	1,950,000	424,350	2,374,350
2028-2032	10,745,000	1,137,488	11,882,488
Total	\$ 19,955,000	\$ <u>3,811,688</u>	\$ 23,766,688

NOTE 7: <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

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 statement.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTINGAND 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, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Shasta Joint Powers Financing Authority (the Authority) basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2022.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an 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.

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Roseville, California November 28, 2022



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