# SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM 11.3 (ID # 5829)

#### **MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

FROM: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND General Manager-Chief Engineer:

SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Receive and File Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2016-2017, Independent Auditor's Report and Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance Report Prepared by The Pun Group, [\$0]

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 prepared by District staff; and
- 2. Receive and file the Independent Auditor's Report prepared by The Pun Group; and
- 3. Receive and file the Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance Report prepared by The Pun Group.

#### **ACTION:**

Dob Cullen, Assistant Chief Engineer 11/21/2017

#### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

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Date:

December 5, 2017

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Y	ear: 16/17

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

#### **BACKGROUND:**

#### Summary

The District prepared the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 for submission to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the Board of Supervisors and the citizens served by the District.

The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The District has received this prestigious award for twenty-six (26) consecutive years. The fiscal year 2016-2017 CAFR will mark the District's twenty-seventh (27) submission for this award.

The fiscal year 2016-2017 CAFR includes the District's financial statements audited by The Pun Group, statistical information, and other pertinent data. The District has received an unmodified opinion from The Pun Group, indicating that the District's financial statements have been presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Impact on Residents and Businesses

There is no impact upon existing residents or business. The items provided are for informational purposes only.

#### **Additional Fiscal Information**

There is no cost to the District.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance Report for FY16/17 Independent Auditor's Report for FY16/17

## SUBMITTAL TO THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District CAFR for FY16/17

DPB:mc P8/217404 MT #5829



October 25, 2017

To the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Riverside, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District") for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 3, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

We have audited the financial statements of governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District") for the year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the District adopted the following accounting standards:

#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 77

In August of 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This Statement improves financial reporting by helping users better understand how tax abatements affect a government's future ability to raise resources and meet its financial obligations and the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition. Statement No. 77 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 78

In December of 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 78, Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans. This Statement establishes requirements for the recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans. Statement No. 78 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

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#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 80

In January of 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14. This Statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. Statement No. 80 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016.

#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 82

In March of 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 82, Pension Issues—an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73. This Statement addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. Statement No. 81 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016, except for the requirements of this Statement for the selection of assumptions in a circumstance in which an employer's pension liability is measured as of a date other than the employer's most recent fiscal year-end. In that circumstance, the requirements for the selection of assumptions are effective for that employer in the first reporting period in which the measurement date of the pension liability is on or after June 15, 2017.

No other new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the investment fair market value is based on information provided by the
  County of Riverside for the District's investment in the Riverside County Treasury Pool and by U.S.
  Bank, the trustee for investment in U.S. Treasury, Money Market Mutual funds, and Governmental
  Obligation Funds held by fiscal agent. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the
  investment fair market value in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements
  taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of the depreciation on capital assets is based on the industry standard and past experience on actual useful life of the asset groups. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation on capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of the annual other post employment benefit ("OPEB") cost is based on the actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the annual OPEB cost in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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• Management's estimate of the net pension liabilities is based on the actuarial valuation on total pension liability and based on audited financial statements on fiduciary net position for CalPERS plans. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

- Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
- Note 2 Cash and investments
- Note 9 Retirement Plans
- Note 10 Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pension
- Note 11 Contingencies and Commitments

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 25, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Management Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios during the Measurement Period – Retirement Program, the Schedule of Plan Contributions – Retirement Program, the Schedules of Funding Progress – Other Post Employment Benefits, and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules for each major fund, which are Required Supplementary Information ("RSI") that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the Combining and Individual Nonmajor Fund Financial Statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the Introductory and Statistical Sections, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it

#### Restriction on Use

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

Very truly yours,

Santa Ana, California

The Puri Group, LLP



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Riverside, California

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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.

#### Auditor's 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.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios during the Measurement Period – Retirement Program, the Schedule of Plan Contributions – Retirement Program, the Schedules of Funding Progress – Other Post Employment Benefits – OPEB, and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules for each major fund on pages 5 through 15 and 57 through 72 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Combining and Individual Nonmajor Fund Financial Statements, and the Introductory and the Statistical Section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Combining and Individual Nonmajor Fund Financial Statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Combining and Individual Nonmajor Fund Financial Statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Introductory and Statistical Sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

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#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

The Red Group, LLP

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2017 on our consideration of the District'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 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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Santa Ana, California October 25, 2017



### 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

#### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Supervisors of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Riverside, 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon October 25, 2017.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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 opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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The Red Group, LLP

#### 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.

Santa Ana, California October 25, 2017