SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 2.10 (ID # 21630) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 02, 2023

FROM: AUDITOR CONTROLLER:

SUBJECT: AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Statement of Net Position of the

Treasurer's Investment Pool with Independent Auditor's Report, All Districts, [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool with Independent Auditor's Report

ACTION:Consent

Ben J. Benoit, COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER 4/14/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

Nays: None Absent: None

Date: May 2, 2023 xc: Auditor-Controller

Kimberly A. Rector

Deputy

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current	Fiscal Year:	: Next Fiscal Year		Total Cost:		Total Cost:		0	Ingoing Cost
COST	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A					Budget Adj	ustme	nt: No			
				For Fiscal Y	'ear: n	/a				

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The county's fiscal year 2021-22 Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool with Independent Auditor's Report is hereby submitted in accordance with Sections 26920(a) and 26922 of the Government Code of the State of California. The county's external auditors, Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation, performed the audit to determine whether cash and investments as shown on the Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022, were presented fairly.

Based on the results of their audit, the Statement of Net Position presents fairly, the financial position of the investment pool of the County of Riverside as of June 30, 2022. Internal controls over financial reporting and tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters were also evaluated.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Provide an assessment of internal controls overt the audited areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: Fiscal year 2021-22 Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool with Independent Auditor's Report

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TREASURER'S INVESTMENT POOL

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2022

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TREASURER'S INVESTMENT POOL JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors County of Riverside, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool of the County of Riverside, California (the County), as of June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County Treasurer's Investment Pool's basic financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool of the County, as of June 30, 2022, 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 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County 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 Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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

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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 statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 statement, 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 statement.
- 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 County'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 statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County'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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 21, 2023, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting relating to the Treasurer's Investment Pool 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 relating to the Treasurer's Investment Pool and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance relating to the Treasurer's Investment Pool. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance relating to the Treasurer's Investment Pool.

BROWN ARMSTRONG ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Brown Armstrong Lecountainey Corporation

Bakersfield, California March 21, 2023 **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TREASURER'S INVESTMENT POOL STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022 (Dollars in Thousands)

ASSETS:

Cash and investments Restricted cash and investments	\$ 10,584,977 1,317,758
Total assets	\$ 11,902,735
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:	
Liabilities:	
Due to others	\$ -
Total liabilities	
Net position:	
Held in trust for treasury pool participants	11,902,735
Total net position	\$ 11,902,735

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Reporting Entity

As provided by Government Code Section 53600, the cash balances of substantially all of the County of Riverside's (the County) funds, as well as those of participating schools and agencies, are pooled and invested by the County Treasurer for the purpose of increasing earnings through investment activities. The Treasurer's Investment Pool (the Pool) is managed by the County Treasurer and is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Pool's investment objectives are to safeguard principal, meet the liquidity needs of the participants, and return an acceptable yield within the parameters of prudent risk management (California Government Code Sections 2700.5 and 53600.5). Additionally, there is an Oversight Committee comprised of County officials, representatives from various Pool participants, and members of the public, whose function is to monitor compliance with the County's investment policy. The Treasurer also reports on a monthly basis to the County Board of Supervisors.

B. Reporting Method

The Pool follows the accounting principles and reporting guidelines as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

C. Investment Valuation

Pool investments are accounted for in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, which requires governmental entities to report certain investments at fair value in the statement of net position and recognize the corresponding change in fair value of investments in the year in which the change occurred. The fair value of pooled investments is determined monthly and is based upon valuation provided by the Pool's safekeeping agent.

Pool investments are also accounted for in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application. Securities, including U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, are carried at fair value/cost based on current market prices, on a monthly basis. Repurchase agreements are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices, except for repurchase agreements maturing within ninety days of June 30, 2022, which are carried at cost. Bond anticipation notes are carried at fair value/cost. Commercial paper is carried at amortized cost/cost. Investments in bankers' acceptances and nonparticipating guaranteed investment contracts are carried at cost. Participating guaranteed investment contracts are carried at fair value based on net realizable value. Mutual funds are carried at fair value based on the funds' share price. Local Agency Obligations are carried at cost based on the value of each participating dollar.

The fair value of a participant's position in the pool is not the same as the value of pooled shares. The method used to determine the value of participants' equity withdrawn is based on the book value, amortized cost, and accrued interest of the participants' percentage at the date of such withdrawal.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Investments

As of June 30, 2022, cash and investments are classified in the County's financial statement as follows (in thousands):

	Governmental				
	Activities	Activities	Units	Funds	Total
Cash and investments Restricted cash and investments	\$ 1,780,580 1,199,060	\$ 170,686 118,698	\$ 43,192	\$ 8,590,519	\$ 10,584,977 1,317,758
Total cash and investments	\$ 2,979,640	\$ 289,384	\$ 43,192	\$ 8,590,519	\$ 11,902,735

As of June 30, 2022, cash and investments consist of the following (in thousands):

Deposits	\$ 121,714
Investments	11,781,021
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 11,902,735

Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the County's Investment Policy

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for the County by the California Government Code or the County's investment policy, whichever is more restrictive. The table also identifies certain provisions that address interest rate, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk. A copy of the County's investment policy can be found at www.treasurer-tax.co.riverside.ca.us.

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Municipal Banda (MI INII)	4 Years	15%	5%**
Municipal Bonds (MUNI)			
U.S. Treasuries	5 Years	100%	N/A
Local Agency Obligations (LAO)	3 Years	2.5%	2.5%
Federal Agencies	5 Years	100%	N/A
Commercial Paper (CP)	270 Days	40%	5% *
Certificate and Time Deposits (NCD and TCD)	1 Year	25%	5% *
Int'l Bank of Reconstruction and Development and Int'l Finance Corporation	4 Years	20%	N/A
Repurchase Agreements (REPO)	45 Days	40%	25%
Reverse REPOS	60 Days	10%	10%
Medium Term Notes (MTNO) or Corporate Notes	3 Years	20%	5% *
CalTRUST Short-Term Fund	Daily Liquidity	1%	1%
Money Market Mutual Funds (MMF)	Daily Liquidity	20%	N/A
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	Daily Liquidity	Max \$50 Million	N/A
Cash/Deposit Account	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*} Maximum of 5% per issuer in combined commercial paper, certificate and time deposits, and medium-term notes.

^{**} For credit rated below AA-/Aa3, a 2% maximum in one issuer only for State of California debt.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the County's Investment Policy (Continued)

The County and its component units have the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2022 (in thousands):

	June 30, 2022	Interest Rate Range	Maturity	Weighted Average Maturity (Years)	Minimum Legal Rating	Rating ⁽¹⁾ June 30, 2022	% of Portfolio
County Treasurer's Investments							
Investments by Fair Value Level							
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 3,010,849	0.12-3.22%	07/22-05/27	1.21	N/A	AA+/Aaa	26.06%
Agency	3,425,589	0.13-4.70%	07/22-06/27	2.29	N/A	AA+/Aaa	29.65%
Agency MBS	77,392	2.94-4.18%	07/23-03/27	2.59	N/A	AA+/Aaa	0.67%
Non-US Gov	52,219	0.16-2.54%	08/22-09/24	0.64	AA/Aa/AA	AAAVAaa	0.45%
Municipal Notes	138,589	0.42-1.57%	08/22-10/25	0.63	AA-/Aa3/AA-	AA+/Aa2	1.20%
Total County Treasurer's Investmen							
by Fair Value Lev	/el 6,704,638						58.03%
Investments Measured at Amortized Cost							0.00
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	2,360,001	0.16-3.71%	07/22-06/23	0,28	A1/P1/F1	AA/P1	20.43%
Commercial Paper	1,405,761	0.63 - 2.20%	07/22-01/23	0.16	A1/P1/F1	AA/P1	12.17%
Municipal Notes-Other	88,770	0.13 - 0.16%	07/22	0.40	AA-/Aa3/AA-	AA+/Aa2	0.77%
Non-US Gov-Other	95,265	0.27 - 1.10%	08/24-01/25	1.17	AA/Aa/AA	AANAaa	0.82%
CalTRUST Short-Term Fund	94,017	0.00%	07/22	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.81%
Money Market Mutual Funds (2)	804,963	0.70 - 1.50%	07/22	0.00	AAA	AAAVAaa	6.97%
Total Investments Measured	at						
Amortized Co	st 4,848,777						41.97%
Total County Treasurer's Investments	11,553,415						100.00%
Total County Heastrers Investments	11,000,410						100.0070
Blended Component Units Investments							
Measured at Amortized Cost							
Money Market Funds	84,991	0.01 - 1.37%	07/22	0.00	AAA	AANAaa	37.34%
Certificates of Deposit	1,000	0.05%	10/22	0.00	A1/P1/F1	N/R	0.44%
U.S. Treasuries	4,987	0.77%	10/24	0.00	N/A	N/R	2.19%
Local Agency Investment Funds	9,370	0.00%	07/22	0,00	N/A	N/A	4.12%
Mutual Funds	126,886	0.01 - 6.97%	07/22	0.00	AAA	N/A	55.75%
	372	4.83%	02/35	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.16%
Investment Agreements		4.03%	02/33	0.00	IN//S	IN/A	0.10 %
Total Blended Component Units Investmen							
Measured at Amortized Co	ost 227,606						100.00%
Total Blended Component Units Investmen							100.00%
Total Investments	\$ 11,781,021						

⁽¹⁾ Investment ratings are from Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Moody's Investor Service (Moody's).

Fair Value Measurements

The County and its component units categorize fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the County has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities
 in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are
 derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

⁽²⁾ Government Code requires money market mutual funds to be rated.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

 Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the County's own assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The County and component units have the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2022 (in thousands):

	Fair Va			
	Quoted Prices			
	in Active	Significant		
	Markets for	Other	Significant	
	ldentical Assets	Observable Inputs	Unobservable Inputs	
Investments by Fair Value Level	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	June 30, 2022
	(Level I)	(Level Z)	(LOVO)	build co, zozz
County Treasurer's Investments				
Investments by Fair Value Level U.S. Treasuries	\$ 3,010,849	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,010,849
Agency	\$ 3,010,045	3,425,589	Ψ -	3,425,589
Agency MBS	-	77,392	-	77,392
Non-US Gov		52,219	_	52,219
Municipal Notes	-	138,589	-	138,589
Total County Treasurer's Investments				
by Fair Value Level	3,010,849	3,693,789	_	6,704,638
Investment Manager and Amend Cont				
Investments Measured at Amortized Cost Negotiable Certificates of Deposit		_	_	2,360,001
Commercial Paper	-		_	1,405,761
Municipal Notes-Other			-	88,770
Non-US Gov-Other	-	_	_	95,265
CalTRUST Short-Term Fund	-	_	_	94,017
Money Market Mutual Funds (2)		_	_	804,963
Total Investments Measured at				
Amortized Cost	-	-	-	4,848,777
Total County Treasurer's Investments	3,010,849	3,693,789		11,553,415
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Blended Component Units Investments				
Measured at Amortized Cost				84,991
Money Market Funds Certificates of Deposit	-	-	-	1,000
U.S. Treasuries	-	-	_	4,987
Local Agency Investment Funds		_	_	9,370
Mutual Funds		_	_	126,886
Investment Agreements	_	-		372
Total Blended Component Units Investments	-		***************************************	
Measured at Amortized Cost				227,606
Total Blended Component Units Investments	~		-	227,606
Total Investments	\$ 3,010,849	\$ 3,693,789	\$ -	\$ 11,781,021

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investment in State Investment Pool

The County is a voluntary participant in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that is regulated by California Government Code Section 16429 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California (the State). The State Treasurer's Office reports its investments at fair value. The fair value of securities in the State Treasurer's pooled investment program, including LAIF, generally is based on quoted market prices. The State Treasurer's Office performs a quarterly fair market valuation of the pooled investment program portfolio and a monthly fair market valuation of all securities held against carrying cost. These valuations and financial statements are posted to the State Treasurer's Office website at www.treasurer.ca.gov. The fair value of the County's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statement at amounts based upon the County's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF for the entire LAIF portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. As of June 30, 2022, Riverside University Health System – Medical Center had \$9.4 million, Also, under restricted cash, Housing Authority had \$260.0 thousand.

Investments Authorized by Debt Agreements

Investments of debt proceeds held by bond trustees are governed by provisions of the debt agreements of the respective component units, rather than the general provisions of the California Government Code or the County's investment policy. These provisions allow for the acquisition of investment agreements with maturities of up to 30 years.

Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the measurement of how changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the more sensitive to changes in market interest rates of its fair value. One of the ways the County Treasurer manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so a portion of the portfolio is maturing, or coming close to maturity, to ensure the cash flow and liquidity required for operations.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by State or local government units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under State law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure County deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits. GASB Statement No. 40 requires that a disclosure is made with respect to custodial credit risks relating to deposits. The County has cash deposits with fiscal agents in excess of federal depository insurance limits held in collateralized accounts with securities held by Union Bank in the amount \$70.0 million. Investment securities are registered and held in the name of the County.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the County contains certain limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond that stipulated by the California Government Code. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures, the County should provide information about the concentration of credit risk associated with their investments in any one issuer that represent 5% or more of total County investments. These investments are identified on the investment table on page 5 of this report.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The amount of assets restricted by legal and contractual requirements at June 30, 2022, is as follows (in thousands):

Governmental Activities			
General Fund			\$ 691,979
Flood Control			3,297
Teeter Debt Service			36,306
ARP Act Coronavirus Relief			427,244
Other Governmental Funds CORAL Infrastructure Financing Authority Inland Empire Tobacco Securitization Authority Pension Obligation	\$ 3,161 6,085 12,142 18,846		
Total Other Governmental Funds			 40,234
Total Governmental Activities			 1,199,060
Business-Type Activities			
Riverside University Health System - Medical Center LAIF Restricted Cash and Other Investments		\$ 9,370 13,908	
Total Riverside University Health System - Medical Center			23,278
Waste Resources			81,504
Housing Authority			7,213
Flood Control			6,703
Total Business-Type Activities			118,698
Total Restricted Cash and Investments			\$ 1,317,758



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Supervisors County of 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 Statement of Net Position of the Treasurer's Investment Pool of the County of Riverside (the County) as of June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Treasurer's Investment Pool's basic financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statement, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) relating to the County Treasurer's Investment Pool as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control relating to the County Treasurer's Investment Pool. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control relating to the County Treasurer's Investment Pool.

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 County's basic financial statement 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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County Treasurer's Investment Pool's basic financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement. 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 County's internal control or on compliance relating to the County Treasurer's Investment Pool. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance relating to the County Treasurer's Investment Pool. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

BROWN ARMSTRONG ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Brown Armstrong Secountaincy Corporation

Bakersfield, California March 21, 2023