

June 12, 2024

Board of Directors  
Channel Islands Beach Community  
Services District  
Oxnard, CA

We have audited the financial statements of the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District (the “District”) for the year ended June 30, 2023. 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 December 15, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Matters

##### *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 financial statements. As described in Note 1B to the financial statements, the District changed accounting policies related to leases and other matters by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, and No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* in fiscal year 2023. These statements had no significant impact on the financial statements. 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 fair value of investments is based on information provided by financial institutions. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of capital assets depreciation is based on historical estimates of each capitalized item’s useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital assets depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management’s estimate of the investment in the Port Hueneme Water Agency is based on a percentage from financial information provided by the Agency. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the investment in the Port Hueneme Water Agency in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of debt related amortizations (premiums and on refunding) are based on the terms and amounts included in the debt documents. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the debt related amortizations in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on an actuarial valuation and pension contributions made during the year. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability and related OPEB deferred outflows and inflows of resources are based on an actuarial valuation and OPEB contributions made during the year. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources 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:

The disclosure of the fair value of investments in Notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements represents amounts susceptible to market fluctuation.

The disclosure of capital assets in Note 4 to the financial statements is based on historical information which could differ from actual useful lives of each capitalized item.

The disclosure of the Port Hueneme Water Agency/Joint Venture in Note 12 to the financial statements is based on financial information provided by the agency which could differ from actual results.

The disclosure of debt related amortizations (premiums and on refundings) in Notes 1.K, 1.M, and 5 to the financial statements are based on the terms and amounts included in the related debt documents which could differ from actual results.

The disclosure of the employees' retirement, net pension liability and related pension deferred outflows and inflows of resources in Notes 1.K, 1.N and 7 to the financial statements represents management's estimate based on an actuarial valuation and pension contributions made during the year. Actual results could differ depending on the key factors and assumptions used for the actuarial valuation.

The disclosure of other postemployment benefits and the net OPEB liability and related OPEB deferred outflows and inflows of resources in Notes 1.K, 1.O and 8 to the financial statements represents management's estimate based on an actuarial valuation and OPEB contributions made during the year. Actual results could differ depending on the key factors and assumptions used for the actuarial valuation.

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. However, the audit was delayed in waiting for financial information from the Port Hueneme Water Agency and the availability of the outside financial consulting firm.

#### *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. The following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management: Reversal of a \$248,760 prior year other receivable from the City of Oxnard.

#### *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 auditors' 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 June 12, 2024.

#### *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.

#### *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 District'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 management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary section 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 supplemental information section, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, 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.

As part of the audit, we assisted with the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and the calculation of the investment in the Port Hueneme Water Agency. However, these services, does not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and are considered nonaudit services. Management has reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the results of these services.

Restrictions on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors 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,

*Leaman Ramirez & Smith, Inc.*