

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
San Diego, California**

Basic Financial Statements

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners
Quantification Settlement Agreement
Joint Powers Authority
San Diego, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority (QSA JPA), as of and for the year June 30, 2025, and 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the QSA JPA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the QSA JPA, as of June 30, 2025, and 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and budget to actual statements of the general fund 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the QSA JPA 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

QSA JPA's 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 QSA JPA's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's 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 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 GAAS 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, 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 QSA JPA'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 QSA JPA'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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the QSA JPA's basic financial statements. The *Budget Status Report Expenditures* is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The *Budget Status Report Expenditures* is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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 *Budget Status Report Expenditures* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 26, 2025 on our consideration of the QSA JPA'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 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 QSA JPA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Davis Fan" followed by a stylized flourish.

Irvine, California
September 26, 2025

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QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY **Management's Discussion and Analysis** **(Unaudited)**

This section of the financial statements presents a discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority (QSA JPA) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the QSA JPA basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The basic financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the finances of the QSA JPA. The QSA JPA's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements.

- The Statements of Net Position and Statements of Activities are *government-wide financial statements*, providing both long-term and short-term information about the QSA JPA's overall financial status.
- The Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance are *governmental fund financial statements*, focusing on individual parts of the QSA JPA and reporting the QSA JPA's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.
- The governmental fund Balance Sheets and the governmental fund Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance also provide a reconciliation to facilitate the comparison between the governmental fund and governmental activities.

Reporting the QSA JPA as a Whole

The accompanying government-wide financial statements include two statements that present financial data for the QSA JPA as a whole, the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities. These statements report all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. All current fiscal year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statements of Net Position present information on the QSA JPA's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in the net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the QSA JPA is improving or deteriorating.

The Statements of Activities present information showing how the QSA JPA's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Reporting the Major Fund of the QSA JPA

The governmental fund financial statements provide detailed information about the General Fund of the QSA JPA. Some funds are required to be established by State law or bond covenants. All of the QSA JPA's basic services are reported in the General Fund, which focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. The General Fund is reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other current financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The General Fund's financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the QSA JPA's general government operations and the basic services provided. General Fund information helps determine the financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the QSA JPA's programs. The differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities) and the General Fund are described in separate reconciliation statements following the General Fund's financial statements.

The Structure of the QSA JPA

The QSA JPA is comprised of four agencies whose primary purpose is to administer the environmental mitigation measures related to the “Agreement for the Transfer of Conserved Water by and between Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)” and the “Agreement for Acquisition of Conserved Water by and between IID and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)”. The agency members of the QSA JPA are the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (State of California), CVWD, IID, and SDCWA.

Condensed Financial Information

**Quantification Settlement Agreement
Joint Powers Authority
Condensed Statements of Net Position
(In Millions)**

	June 30,		
	2025	2024	2023
Total assets	\$ 73.4	\$ 79.1	\$ 82.3
Total liabilities	2.4	3.1	2.0
Total net position	\$ 71.0	\$ 76.0	\$ 80.3

Fiscal Year 2025 Compared to Fiscal Year 2024

Total assets include cash and investments, and interest receivable which includes accrued interest from the investments. At June 30, 2025, assets totaled \$73.4 million, a decrease of \$5.7 million or 7.2 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year. Total assets are lower than the prior fiscal year due to a decrease in investments to pay for mitigation expenses. At June 30, 2025, investments totaled \$72.8 million, a decrease of \$5.6 million compared to the prior fiscal year.

Total liabilities represent accounts payable and at June 30, 2025, liabilities totaled \$2.4 million, a decrease of \$0.7 million or 22.5 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year due to a decrease in environmental mitigation expenses to be paid at the end of the fiscal year.

Net position is unrestricted and totaled \$71.0 million at June 30, 2025, a decrease of \$5.0 million or 6.6 percent from the prior fiscal year as a result of the above changes.

Fiscal Year 2024 Compared to Fiscal Year 2023

Total assets include cash and investments, mitigation contributions receivable, and interest receivable which includes accrued interest due from contributing agencies in relation to the QSA JPA Creation and Funding Agreement (the Agreement) for environmental mitigation contributions. At June 30, 2024, assets totaled \$79.1 million, a decrease of \$3.2 million or 3.9 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year. Total assets are lower than the prior fiscal year due to decreases in mitigation contributions receivable of \$6.4 million due to the SDCWA and CVWD paying off their outstanding balances. The decreases were offset by increases in cash and investments of \$3.2 million.

Total liabilities include accounts payable. At June 30, 2024, liabilities totaled \$3.1 million, an increase of \$1.1 million or 55 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year due to an increase in environmental mitigation expenses to be paid at the end of the fiscal year.

Net position is unrestricted and totaled \$76.0 million at June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$4.3 million or 5.4 percent from the prior fiscal year as a result of the above changes.

**Quantification Settlement Agreement
Joint Powers Authority
Condensed Statements of Activities
(In Millions)**

	June 30,		
	2025	2024	2023
Program expenses	\$ 9.3	\$ 8.4	\$ 15.0
Program revenues	-	-	1.2
Net program revenues	(9.3)	(8.4)	(13.8)
General revenues	4.2	4.1	2.1
Changes in net position	(5.1)	(4.3)	(11.7)
Net position at beginning of year	76.0	80.3	92.0
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 71.0</u>	<u>\$ 76.0</u>	<u>\$ 80.3</u>

Fiscal Year 2025 Compared to Fiscal Year 2024

Program expenses include environmental mitigation and general operating expenses. For the year ended June 30, 2025, governmental activities expenses totaled \$9.3 million, an increase of \$0.9 million or 10.7 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year due to additional expenses related to the installation and repair of an irrigation system for IID's Clubhouse vegetation project. Other additional expenses include increased western burrowing owl surveys and training following a petition submitted to the State of California to list the western burrowing owl as threatened or endangered statewide under the California Endangered Species Act.

Program revenues, which included member contributions, were fully paid as of June 30, 2025. There was a \$0.1 million increase in General revenues resulting from higher interest earnings on investments due to the continued favorable interest rate environment.

Fiscal Year 2024 Compared to Fiscal Year 2023

Program expenses include environmental mitigation and general operating expenses. For the year ended June 30, 2024, governmental activities expenses totaled \$8.4 million, a decrease of \$6.6 million or 44 percent when compared to the prior fiscal year due to a \$9.2 million decrease for the reimbursement to IID for appraised value of managed marsh land purchased that year offset by a \$2.4 million increase for Salton Sea air quality monitoring.

Program revenues, which included member contributions, were fully paid as of June 30, 2024. There was a \$2.0 million increase in General revenues resulting from higher interest earnings on investments due to the favorable interest rate environment.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The QSA JPA Commission adopts an annual budget for the payment of environmental costs for QSA water transfer mitigation projects in the Imperial Valley. The annual budget provides revenues, generated from agency contributions and interest earnings, to meet anticipated fiscal year mitigation expenditures.

Fiscal year 2025 revenues were higher than budget by \$2.3 million due to higher returns on investments as a result of the favorable interest rate environment.

Fiscal year 2025 expenditures were \$5.3 million less than budget primarily due to the deferral of items under the Salton Sea Air Quality mitigation program. This includes funds allocated for part of the Red Hill Bay Best Available Control Measures (BACM) project and installation of piezometers for groundwater monitoring near the Salton Sea, both of which will be moved to a future fiscal year budget.

Contacting the QSA JPA Financial Management

The QSA JPA financial report is designed to provide the QSA JPA's Board of Commissioners, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the QSA JPA's accountability for the financial resources it manages. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Finance Department at the San Diego County Water Authority, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, California 92123 or via the website at <http://www.sdcwa.org>.

For further information about the QSA JPA, please visit <https://www.qsajpa.org>

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**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 72,807,623	\$ 78,494,740
Interest receivable	<u>549,316</u>	<u>602,513</u>
Total assets	<u>73,356,939</u>	<u>79,097,253</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	<u>2,358,080</u>	<u>3,050,502</u>
Net position:		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 70,998,859</u>	<u>\$ 76,046,751</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Program Expenses		
Governmental Activities:		
Environmental mitigation	\$ 9,274,499	\$ 8,422,432
Program Revenues		
Governmental Activities:		
Operating grants and contributions:		
Mitigation contributions	-	3,208
Net program revenues (expenses)	<u>(9,274,499)</u>	<u>(8,419,224)</u>
General Revenues		
Interest income	<u>4,226,607</u>	<u>4,127,007</u>
Changes in net position	(5,047,892)	(4,292,217)
Net position - beginning of year	<u>76,046,751</u>	<u>80,338,968</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 70,998,859</u>	<u>\$ 76,046,751</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**BALANCE SHEETS
GENERAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assets:		
Cash and investments	\$ 72,807,623	\$ 78,494,740
Interest receivable	<u>549,316</u>	<u>602,513</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 73,356,939</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 79,097,253</u></u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 2,358,080</u>	<u>\$ 3,050,502</u>
Fund balance:		
Unassigned	<u>70,998,859</u>	<u>76,046,751</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 73,356,939</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 79,097,253</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEETS OF THE GENERAL FUND
TO THE STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fund balance of the General Fund	\$ 70,998,859	\$ 76,046,751
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 70,998,859</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 76,046,751</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues:		
Interest income	\$ 4,226,607	\$ 4,127,007
Mitigation contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>6,613,488</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,226,607</u>	<u>10,740,495</u>
Expenditures:		
Environmental mitigation	<u>9,274,499</u>	<u>8,422,432</u>
Net changes in fund balance	(5,047,892)	2,318,063
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>76,046,751</u>	<u>73,728,688</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 70,998,859</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 76,046,751</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Net changes in fund balance	\$ (5,047,892)	\$ 2,318,063
Revenues that are not available to liquidate liabilities of the current period that were not previously recognized in the General Fund, but were recognized in the Statements of Activities in prior years.	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,610,280)</u>
Changes in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (5,047,892)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (4,292,217)</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues			
Interest income	<u>\$ 1,878,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,226,607</u>	<u>\$ 2,348,607</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,878,000</u>	<u>4,226,607</u>	<u>2,348,607</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Environmental mitigation	<u>14,604,879</u>	<u>9,274,499</u>	<u>5,330,380</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(12,726,879)</u>	<u>(5,047,892)</u>	<u>7,678,987</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>76,046,751</u>	<u>76,046,751</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 63,319,872</u>	<u>\$ 70,998,859</u>	<u>\$ 7,678,987</u>

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues			
Interest income	<u>\$ 1,815,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,127,007</u>	<u>\$ 2,312,007</u>
Mitigation contributions	<u>3,954,843</u>	<u>6,613,488</u>	<u>2,658,645</u>
Total revenues	<u>5,769,843</u>	<u>10,740,495</u>	<u>4,970,652</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Environmental mitigation	<u>12,028,330</u>	<u>8,422,432</u>	<u>3,605,898</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(6,258,487)</u>	<u>2,318,063</u>	<u>8,576,550</u>
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>73,728,688</u>	<u>73,728,688</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 67,470,201</u>	<u>\$ 76,046,751</u>	<u>\$ 8,576,550</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

Note 1: Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Entity

The Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority (QSA JPA) was organized on January 1, 2004, under the California Joint Powers Act (the Act) for the primary purpose of paying for environmental mitigation requirements and environmental mitigation costs by and through the collection, investing, and disbursement of funds. The QSA JPA consists of four agencies, each with one representative on the QSA JPA's Board of Commissioners (the Board). The member agencies are the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (State of California), the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA).

On October 10, 2003, the IID, CVWD, and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California executed the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) which settled a variety of long-standing Colorado River disputes regarding the priority, use, and transfer of Colorado River water; established the terms for the further distribution of Colorado River water among those entities for a period of time based upon budgets; and included as a necessary component thereof the implementation of the 1998 IID/SDCWA Transfer Agreement and the IID/CVWD Acquisition Agreement.

Basis of Accounting

The *basic financial statements* of the QSA JPA are composed of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the basic financial statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting governmental entity as a whole. Government-wide financial statements are presented using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Under the economic resources measurement focus, all (both current and long-term) economic resources and obligations of the reporting government are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

Note 1: Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements (Continued)

In the government-wide financial statements, Net Position is categorized as unrestricted because the net position does not meet the definition of Net Investment in Capital Assets or Restricted Net Position.

Direct expenses reported include environmental mitigation. Program revenues include revenues derived from environmental mitigation contributions from member agencies. Governmental fund revenues represented by noncurrent receivables are recognized as revenues in the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the QSA JPA is organized and operated on the basis of a separate fund that has a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures, as appropriate. Financial statements for the General Fund are presented after the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental Fund – General Fund

In the General Fund financial statements, Fund Balance is categorized as unassigned because the amount does not meet the definition of non-spendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance.

In the fund financial statements, the General Fund is presented using the *modified-accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized when they become *measurable* and *available*, provided they are received within 60 days from the end of the fiscal year.

Revenue recognition is subject to the *measurable* and *availability* criteria for the General Fund in the fund financial statements. *Exchange transactions* are recognized as revenues in the period in which they are earned (for example, the related goods or services are provided).

In the General Fund financial statements, amounts are recorded using the *current financial resources measurement focus*. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be a measure of available spendable resources. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenditures) in fund balance. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

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**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

Note 1: Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental Fund – General Fund (Continued)

In addition to assets, the General Fund financial statements may report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until that time.

In addition to liabilities, the General Fund financial statements may report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Due to the spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for the General Fund excludes amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as expenditures or fund liabilities.

Environmental Mitigation Contributions

The principal portion of the QSA JPA's revenues are environmental mitigation contributions received from the member agencies. The costs for environmental mitigation requirements up to and not to exceed a present value of \$133,000,000 are required to be paid by the IID, CVWD, and SDCWA with the balance of the expenditures above the present value of \$133,000,000 to be paid by the State of California. In fiscal year 2023 IID, paid off their remaining contribution and in fiscal year 2024, CVWD and SDCWA paid off their remaining contributions. Existing cash and investments will be used to pay for future mitigation expenses and the State will assume financial responsibilities thereafter.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets adopted by the Board provide for operations of the QSA JPA. Budgetary controls are set by the Board. The legally adopted budget requires that expenditures not exceed appropriations in total for the QSA JPA. The Board may make appropriation adjustments to the budget during the year as deemed necessary.

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Note 2: Cash and Investments

The carrying value of cash and investments held by the QSA JPA as of June 30 consisted of the following:

	2025	2024
Deposits	\$ 20,881	\$ 10,125
Investments	<u>72,786,742</u>	<u>78,484,615</u>
Total cash and investments	<u>\$ 72,807,623</u>	<u>\$ 78,494,740</u>

Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and Investment Policy

The QSA JPA uses the investment policy of the SDCWA for purposes of investments. The following table identifies the investment types that are authorized for the QSA JPA by the California Government Code (Gov't Code), Sections 53600 et seq, and the QSA JPA's Investment Policy (Inv. Policy). The table also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code (or the QSA JPA's investment policy, if more restrictive) that address interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk.

Investment Types	Maximum Maturity		Maximum Percentage of Portfolio		Maximum Investment in One Issuer		Minimum Rating	
	Gov't Code	Inv. Policy	Gov't Code	Inv. Policy	Gov't Code	Inv. Policy	Gov't Code	Inv. Policy
Municipal securities	None	None	None	30%	None	5%	None	A
U.S. Treasury securities	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Federal agency securities	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Bankers' acceptances	180 days	180 days	40%	40%	30%	5%	None	A-1
Commercial paper	270 days	270 days	40% ⁽¹⁾	30%	10% ⁽²⁾	5%	A-1	A-1
Non-negotiable certificates of deposit	5 years	5 years	None	30% ⁽³⁾	None	None	None	None
Placement service deposits	5 years	5 years	50%	30% ⁽³⁾	None	None	None	None
Negotiable certificates of deposit	5 years	5 years	30%	30% ⁽³⁾	None	5%	None	A-1 or A
Repurchase agreements	1 year	1 year	None	20%	None	None	None	A
Medium-term notes	5 years	5 years	30%	30%	10% ⁽²⁾	5%	A	A
Mutual funds	n/a	n/a	20%	20%	10%	10%	AAA ⁽⁴⁾	AAA ⁽⁴⁾
Money market mutual funds	n/a	n/a	20%	20%	None	20%	AAA ⁽⁴⁾	AAA ⁽⁴⁾
Mortgage pass-through and asset backed securities ⁽⁵⁾	5 years	5 years	20%	20%	None	5%	AA	AA
County pooled investment funds	n/a	⁽⁶⁾	None	⁽⁶⁾	None	⁽⁶⁾	None	⁽⁶⁾
JPA pools (other investment pools)	n/a	n/a	None	25%	None	None	None	AAA
Supranationals	5 years	5 years	30%	15%	None	5%	AA	AA
Local agency investment fund (LAIF)	n/a	n/a	None	⁽⁷⁾	None	None	None	None

Notes:

- (1) SB 998, until January 1, 2026, allows for a maximum of 40% of the portfolio to be invested in eligible commercial paper for local agencies that have more than \$100 million in assets under management.
- (2) The combined maximum portfolio exposure to the commercial paper and medium-term notes of any single issuer is 10% per Govt. Code Section 53601(h)(k).
- (3) The combined investment policy maximum portfolio exposure to certificates of deposit, placement service certificates of deposit and negotiable certificates of deposit is 30%.
- (4) A mutual fund and a money market mutual fund must receive the highest ranking by not less than two Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations authorized by Govt. Code Sections 53601 and 53635.
- (5) Limitations in this section apply to securities not issued by the U.S. Treasury or Federal Agencies.
- (6) These investments are not authorized by the investment policy.
- (7) The investment policy's maximum investment amount is the maximum permitted by LAIF.

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Note 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk where changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the QSA JPA manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by investing in LAIF to provide the liquidity needed for operations.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the QSA JPA's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following tables that show the distribution of the QSA JPA's investments by terms to maturity as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Investment Type	June 30, 2025	Maturities in Years		
		Less than 1	1-3	4-5
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 21,288,223	\$ 7,642,479	\$ 10,591,069	\$ 3,054,675
Medium-term notes	16,109,085	6,014,593	5,742,983	4,351,509
Federal agency securities	14,800,082	7,186,847	4,529,565	3,083,670
CAMP JPA pool	8,871,666	8,871,666	-	-
LAIF	5,411,365	5,411,365	-	-
Asset backed securities	4,975,639	903,965	3,072,234	999,440
Supranationals	786,100	786,100	-	-
Money market mutual funds	544,582	544,582	-	-
Total	\$ 72,786,742	\$ 37,361,597	\$ 23,935,851	\$ 11,489,294

Investment Type	June 30, 2024	Maturities in Years		
		Less than 1	1-3	4-5
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 23,013,021	\$ 3,956,435	\$ 14,116,806	\$ 4,939,780
Federal agency securities	20,947,231	7,405,355	9,518,111	4,023,765
Medium-term notes	14,953,392	3,100,126	7,850,623	4,002,643
CAMP JPA pool	9,239,756	9,239,756	-	-
LAIF	5,241,609	5,241,609	-	-
Asset backed securities	4,090,713	-	1,155,981	2,934,732
Supranationals	991,710	240,985	750,725	-
Money market mutual funds	7,183	7,183	-	-
Total	\$ 78,484,615	\$ 29,191,449	\$ 33,392,246	\$ 15,900,920

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Note 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, 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. Presented in the following tables, is the minimum rating required (where applicable) by the Gov't. Code or the Inv. Policy, and the actual rating for each issuer as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Investment Type	June 30, 2025	Minimum Rating	Exempt from Disclosure	Rating as of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025			
				AAA	AA	A/A-1	Not Rated
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 21,288,223	n/a	\$ 21,288,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medium-term notes	16,109,085	A	-	1,290,672	2,318,754	12,499,659	-
Federal agency securities	14,800,082	n/a	-	-	14,800,082	-	-
CAMP JPA pool	8,871,666	AAA	-	8,871,666	-	-	-
LAIF	5,411,365	n/a	-	-	-	-	5,411,365
Asset backed securities	4,975,639	AA	-	50,259	4,675,643	249,737	-
Supranationals	786,100	AA	-	786,100	-	-	-
Money market mutual funds	544,582	AAA	-	544,582	-	-	-
Total	\$ 72,786,742		\$ 21,288,223	\$ 11,543,279	\$ 21,794,479	\$ 12,749,396	\$ 5,411,365

Investment Type	June 30, 2024	Minimum Rating	Exempt from Disclosure	Rating as of Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024			
				AAA	AA	A/A-1	Not Rated
U.S. Treasury Securities	\$ 23,013,021	n/a	\$ 23,013,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal agency Securities	20,947,231	n/a	-	-	20,947,231	-	-
Medium-term notes	14,953,392	A	-	1,381,682	1,716,336	11,855,374	-
CAMP JPA Pool	9,239,756	AAA	-	9,239,756	-	-	-
LAIF	5,241,609	n/a	-	-	-	-	5,241,609
Asset backed Securities	4,090,713	AA	-	3,845,211	-	245,502	-
Supranationals	991,710	AA	-	991,710	-	-	-
Money market mutual funds	7,183	AAA	-	7,183	-	-	-
Total	\$ 78,484,615		\$ 23,013,021	\$ 15,465,542	\$ 22,663,567	\$ 12,100,876	\$ 5,241,609

Concentration of Credit Risk

For the fiscal years ended, June 30, 2025 and 2024, investments in any one issuer that represents five percent or more of investments (other than U.S. Treasury securities, money market mutual funds, and external investment pools, which are all exempt) are as follows:

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Note 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

		June 30, 2025	
Issuer	Investment Type	Reported Amount	% of Total Investments
Federal Home Loan Bank	Federal agency securities	\$ 6,790,439	11.7%
Federal Farm Credit Bank	Federal agency securities	5,775,490	10.0%
FreddieMac Struc Pass-Thru	Asset backed Securities	4,675,643	8.1%
		June 30, 2024	
Issuer	Investment Type	Reported Amount	% of Total Investments
Federal Home Loan Bank	Federal agency securities	\$ 9,190,801	14.4%
Federal Farm Credit Bank	Federal agency securities	8,175,633	12.8%
FreddieMac Struc Pass-Thru	Asset backed Securities	3,660,706	5.7%

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 (for example, 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 Gov't. Code and the Inv. Policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits: the Gov't. Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental 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 market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110 percent of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure QSA JPA deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits.

Fair Value Measurement

The QSA JPA categorizes certain assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of investments. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

LEVEL 1: Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, there are no Level 1 investments.

LEVEL 2: Inputs are significant other observable inputs for the asset or liability.

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LEVEL 3: Inputs are significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, there are no Level 3 investments.

The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is measured as an exit price for financial investments.

The QSA JPA utilizes valuation techniques consistent with market, cost, or income approaches to determine fair value. The most appropriate technique is utilized to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Investments in CAMP JPA Pool and LAIF are not subject to fair value categorization. The following is a summary of the QSA JPA investments based on the method for measuring value as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	
	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Investments by fair value level		
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 21,288,223	\$ 23,013,021
Medium-term notes	16,109,085	14,953,392
Federal agency securities	14,800,082	20,947,231
Asset backed securities	4,975,639	4,090,713
Supranationals	786,100	991,710
Total investments by fair value level	\$ 57,959,129	\$ 63,996,067
Investments measured at cost		
CAMP JPA Pool ⁽¹⁾	8,871,666	9,239,756
LAIF ⁽²⁾	5,411,365	5,241,609
Money market mutual funds ⁽³⁾	544,582	7,183
Total investments measured at cost	14,827,613	14,488,548
Total investments	\$ 72,786,742	\$ 78,484,615

Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Measured at amortized cost.

⁽²⁾ Reported based on the pro-rata share of the fair value divided by the amortized cost.

⁽³⁾ Reported as a stable one-dollar value per share.

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Note 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

Investments in State Investment Pool

The QSA JPA is a voluntary participant in the LAIF that is regulated by Gov't Code Section 16429.1 under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of California. Fair value of the QSA JPA's investment in the pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the QSA JPA's pro-rata share of the fair value divided by the amortized cost. The amortized cost is provided by LAIF. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis.

Investments in CAMP JPA Pool

The QSA JPA is a voluntary participant in the California Asset Management Program (CAMP), a California Joint Powers Authority that falls under Gov't Code Section 53601(p), which is directed by a Board of Trustees comprised of finance officers and treasurers of California public agencies. CAMP is a pooled short-term cash reserve portfolio and cash management vehicle offering daily liquidity without restrictions and is measured at amortized cost.

Note 3: Interest Receivable

Interest receivable consists of accrued interest due from LAIF and Bank of New York (BNY). As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, the total interest receivable balance was as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Interest Receivable	\$ 549,316	\$ 602,513
Total	<u>\$ 549,316</u>	<u>\$ 602,513</u>

Note 4: Insurance

The QSA JPA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to contracted workers; and natural disasters. The QSA JPA is insured through the IID, which performs all of the work related to the Joint Powers Agreement. The QSA JPA reimburses IID for any costs incurred as a result of QSA JPA activities.

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Note 5: Commitments and Contingencies

The QSA JPA may be subject to lawsuits and claims arising out of the normal course of business. As of the date of this disclosure, and to the QSA JPA's actual knowledge, there are no lawsuits or claims currently pending against the QSA JPA. By way of background, in December 2011, the Court of Appeal upheld the QSA JPA Agreement. (*Quantification Settlement Agreement Cases* (2011) 201 Cal.App.4th 758.). In May 2015, all remaining legal challenges affecting the QSA JPA were dismissed (*Quantification Settlement Agreement Cases* (2015) 237 Cal. App. 4th 72.).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – BUDGET STATUS REPORT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Task No.	Mitigation Tasks	Amended FY 2025 Budget	Total Expenditures	Variance (Remaining)
1	QSA Implementation Team	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	QSA Implementation Team Biologists	1,356,444	1,380,419	(23,975)
3	Environmental Reporting and Monitoring	-	-	-
4	Salton Sea Salinity and Elevation Program	6,000	5,586	414
5	Salton Sea Mitigation Water to Salton Sea	-	-	-
6	Tamarisk Scrub Habitat - Surveys and Mitigation	58,462	50,900	7,562
7	Drain Habitat - Initial Vegetation and Habitat Surveys	-	-	-
8/8A/8B	Drain Habitat (Aquatic) - Create/Manage/Monitor "Managed Marsh" Areas	454,636	416,292	38,344
9	Drain Habitat Restrictions/Requirements for Construction and Maintenance	-	-	-
10/10A	Worker Education Program Covered Species Training and Manual	-	-	-
11	Desert Habitat Survey and Mapping of Right of Way	-	-	-
12	Desert Habitat Create/Maintain Desert Habitat	-	-	-
13	Changes to Operations on IID Canals to Avoid Covered Species	-	-	-
14	Burrowing Owl Worker Annual Education and Manual	-	-	-
15	Pre-Construction Activity Burrowing Owl Surveys and Relocation	1,500	1,777	(277)
16	Burrowing Owl Relative Abundance and Distribution Surveys	-	-	-
17	Farmer and Public Education Program	5,000	4,341	659
18	Desert Pupfish Abundance and Distribution Study	12,283	21	12,262
19/19A	Pupfish Selenium Drain Studies	152,142	47,294	104,848
20	Pupfish Construction and Maintenance Conservation Measures	100,000	47,631	52,369
21	Salvage of Razorback Suckers when Dewatering Canals	-	-	-
22	Maintain Habitat on Fallowed Parcels	-	-	-
23	Covered Species Baseline and Monitoring Surveys	-	-	-
24	Salton Sea Air Quality	12,339,800	7,267,508	5,072,292
25	Minimize Dust Emissions from Fallowed Lands	-	-	-
26	Drain Connectivity to Salton Sea Elevation Decrease	-	-	-
27	Grade Spoil/Roads from Drain Maintenance	-	-	-
28	Power Line Markers for Pumpback and Seepage Recovery Systems	-	-	-
29	Prepare and Implement Management Plan for Abandoned Portions of AAC	-	-	-
30	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Surveys and Habitat Monitoring	-	-	-
31	Elf Owl Surveys	-	-	-
32	Desert Tortoise Survey and Avoidance	-	-	-
33	Least Tern Surveys	-	-	-
34	Rail and Bittern Surveys	-	-	-
35	Management and Planning	-	-	-
36	JPA Audit Fees (paid annually)	10,090	10,090	-
37	JPA Bank Fees (paid annually)	9,500	7,802	1,698
38	Financial Advisor	36,000	34,040	1,960
39	Bond Counsel Fees	-	-	-
40	2001 Biological Opinion Measures	-	-	-
41	Brown Pelican Coast	-	-	-
42	Brown Pelican Sea	55,916	-	55,916
43	Salton Sea Shoreline Strand Study	-	-	-
44	Pupfish Refugium	7,106	799	6,307
45	Recreation Facilities at Salton Sea	-	-	-
46	QSA JPA Website Maintenance Services	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		\$ 14,604,879	\$ 9,274,499	\$ 5,330,380

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
*Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Commissioners
Quantification Settlement Agreement
Joint Powers Authority
San Diego, California

Independent Auditor's Report

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 general fund of the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority (QSA JPA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise QSA JPA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the QSA JPA'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 QSA JPA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of QSA JPA'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether QSA JPA'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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Davis Fan" followed by a stylized flourish.

Irvine, California
September 26, 2025