

SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE H BOND FUND

AUDIT REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure H Bond Fund of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Sonoma Valley Unified School District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure H Bond Fund of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, as of



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June 30, 2015, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure H Bond Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's Measure H Bond Fund financial statements. The program statements as identified in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the bond fund 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, these statements are 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 issued our report dated October 2, 2015 on our consideration of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Sonoma Valley Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

C & A LLP

October 2, 2015
San Jose, California

SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure H Bond Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

Assets	
Cash and investments	<u>\$ 25,073,985</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 25,073,985</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 6,315</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,315</u>
Fund balance:	
Restricted for Capital Projects	<u>25,067,670</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>25,067,670</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 25,073,985</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Revenues:		
Interest earnings	\$	32,414
		<u>32,414</u>
Total revenues		<u>32,414</u>
Expenditures:		
Contract services		2,000
Capital outlay		340,598
		<u>342,598</u>
Total expenditures		<u>342,598</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		<u>(310,184)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):		
Proceeds from bond issuance		<u>25,180,000</u>
Net change in fund balance		24,869,816
Fund balance beginning		<u>197,854</u>
Fund balance ending	\$	<u><u>25,067,670</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure H Bond Fund
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Accounting Principles

Sonoma Valley Unified School District (the "District") accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's *California School Accounting Manual*. The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the U. S. Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA").

B. Reporting Entity

The District is the level of government primarily accountable for activities related to public education. The governing authority consists of five elected officials who, together, constitute the Board of Trustees.

In 2010-11, an advisory committee to the District's Governing Board and Superintendent, called the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee was established. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public concerning the expenditure and uses of the District's bond measure revenues. The Committee's legal charge is to actively review and report on the expenditure of taxpayer money for school construction in accordance with voter approved projects.

The financial statements presented are for the Measure H Bond Fund and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the District's financial position on operations.

C. Basis of Presentation

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The Building Fund is a governmental fund and is presented as a major fund in the District's combined financial statements. The Building Fund is used to account for proceeds from the sale of real property and account for the acquisition of major governmental capital facilities and buildings from the sale of bond proceeds such as Measure H general obligation bonds.

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the Measure H Bond Fund presents increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

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D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. "Available" means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, "available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value *without* directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, and entitlements. Under the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Unearned Revenue:

Unearned revenue arises when assets are received before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are recorded as deferred inflows of resources from unearned revenue. On governmental fund financial statements, receivables associated with non-exchange transactions that will not be collected within the availability period have also been recorded as deferred inflows of resources from unearned revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures:

On the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. However, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. By state law, the District's governing board must adopt a final budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's governing board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District's governing board and District superintendent during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures.

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Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object.

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used in all budgeted funds to reserve portions of applicable appropriations for which commitments have been made. Encumbrances are recorded for purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments when they are written. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid. All encumbrances are liquidated on June 30.

G. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

1. Cash and Investments

Cash balances held in banks and in revolving funds are insured to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance.

In accordance with *Education Code* Section 41001, the District maintains substantially all of its cash in the County Treasury. The county pools these funds with those of other Districts in the county and invests the cash. These pooled funds are carried at cost, which approximates market value. Interest earned is deposited quarterly into participating funds. Any investment losses are proportionately shared by all funds in the pool.

All District-directed investments are governed by Government Code Section 53601 and Treasury investment guidelines. The guidelines limit specific investments to government securities, domestic chartered financial securities, domestic corporate issues, and California municipal securities. The District's securities portfolio is held by the County Treasurer. Interest earned on investments is recorded as revenue of the fund from which the investment was made.

2. Long-Term Obligations

In the Measure H Bond Fund financial statements, bond premiums, discounts and bond issuance costs are recognized during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued, premiums, or discounts are reported as other financing sources/uses.

3. Fund Balance Classifications

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the District classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- *Nonspendable* includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.

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- *Restricted* includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed* includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end. Committed fund balances are imposed by the District's board of education.
- *Assigned* includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the Superintendent and the Business Manager.
- *Unassigned* includes positive fund balance that has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The District uses restricted/committed amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

4. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District has joined together with other school districts in the County to form the Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group ("RESIG") and the Schools Excess Liability Fund ("SELF") public entity risk pools. The District pays an annual premium to RESIG for its property and casualty, workers' compensation, and liability insurance coverage, and a premium to SELF for its excess property, liability and workers compensation coverage. The joint powers agreements (JPA) provide that the pools will be self-sustaining through member premiums.

5. Accounting Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Summary of Deposits

A summary of deposits as of June 30, 2015, is as follows:

Deposit or Investment	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Investment Rating
Cash in county treasury investment pool	\$ 25,073,985	\$ 25,038,720	AA
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 25,073,985	\$ 25,038,720	

Cash in County Treasury

The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool as the District is required to deposit all receipts and collections of monies with their County Treasurer (Education Code Section 41001). The fair value of the District's investment in the pool is reported in the accounting financial statements at amounts based upon the District's pro rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

Policies and Practices

The District is authorized under California Government Code to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are described below:

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that 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 of its fair value to the changes in market interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the County Treasury. The District maintains cash with the Sonoma County Investment Pool. The pool has a fair value of approximately \$1.802 billion and an amortized book value of \$1.805 billion.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The investment with the Sonoma County Investment Pool is governed by the County's general investment policy. The

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investment with the Sonoma County Investment Pool is rated at least AA by Moody's Investor Service.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk for deposits. However, the California Government 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 public deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of the secured public deposits and letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco having a value of 105 percent of the secured deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the District contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond the amount stipulated by the California Government code. District investments that are greater than 5 percent of total investments are in either an external investment pool or mutual funds and are therefore exempt.

NOTE 3 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund transactions are reported as either loans, services provided, reimbursements, or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables (Due From/To), as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers among governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

Interfund Receivables/Payables (Due From/Due To)

As of June 30, 2015, there were no interfund payables due to and receivables due from the Building Fund.

Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers consist of operating transfers from funds receiving revenues to funds through which the resources are to be expended. The District did not have any interfund transfers in the Building Fund during the year.

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NOTE 4 – MEASURE H GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Through elections, the District received authorization to issue general obligation bonds (GOB) that requires the county to levy annual ad valorem taxes for the payment of interest and principal on the bonds. Bond proceeds are used to help prevent budget cuts, improve student achievement and college/job preparation by making neighborhood schools energy efficient through the installation of solar panels, energy efficient windows, and by implementing water conservation improvements. This will create savings that will be used to improve classrooms, upgrade technology, modernize and equip classrooms, libraries, computer and science labs, as well as support career/technical education.

On December 22, 2010, the District issued \$14,648,881 in General Obligation Bonds, Series A, B-1, and B-2 to finance the installation of multiple solar panel arrays in the district. From the gross proceeds of \$14,953,792 which included a premium of \$304,911 net of an underwriting discount of \$109,867, net proceeds of \$14,539,866 (after payment of \$304,059 in issuance costs) were deposited with the County in the District's name. The bond bears interest at 3.8% to 12% and matures on June 30, 2031. The interest rates are fixed per maturity date for both serial and term bonds, resulting in a range of interest rates based on the maturity schedule.

On February 10, 2015 the District issued \$25,350,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Election of 2010, Series 2015, to finance specific construction, repair and improvement projects approved by the voters of the District. From the gross proceeds of \$28,654,350 which included a premium of \$3,304,350 net of an underwriting discount of \$100,133, net proceeds of \$28,384,218 (after payment of \$170,000 in issuance costs) were deposited with the County in the District's name. The bond bears interest at 3% to 5% and matures on August 1, 2033. The interest rates are fixed per maturity date for both serial and term bonds, resulting in a range of interest rates based on the maturity schedule.

The following schedule summarizes the District's Measure H Bond Fund general obligation bonds as of June 30, 2015:

Bond	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Bonds			Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2015
					Outstanding July 01, 2014	Issued	Redeemed	
2010 GO Bonds, Series 2010A	2010	2031	6.5-12%	\$ 4,003,881	\$ 4,003,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,003,881
2010 GO Bonds, Series 2010B-1	2010	2018	3.8-5.1%	645,000	645,000	-	-	645,000
2010 GO Bonds, Series 2010B-2	2010	2029	7.12%	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	10,000,000
2010 GO Bonds, Series 2015	2015	2033	3-5%	25,350,000	-	25,350,000	-	25,350,000
Subtotal General Obligation Bonds				39,998,881	14,648,881	25,350,000	-	39,998,881
Accreted Interest				-	2,199,768	549,942	-	2,749,710
Total General Obligation Bonds				\$ 39,998,881	\$ 16,848,649	\$ 25,899,942	\$ -	\$ 42,748,591

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The following is a summary of the annual debt service requirements as of June 30, 2015:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 185,000	\$ 1,072,014	\$ 1,257,014
2017	395,000	1,800,432	2,195,432
2018	495,000	1,789,661	2,284,661
2019	-	1,788,000	1,788,000
2020	-	1,775,100	1,775,100
2021-2025	4,378,260	8,745,344	13,123,604
2026-2030	16,618,007	6,136,206	22,754,213
2031-2031	17,927,614	2,147,500	20,075,114
Total Debt Service	\$ 39,998,881	\$ 25,254,257	\$ 65,253,138

NOTE 5 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. The financial statements include all events or transactions, including estimates, required to be recognized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management has determined that there are no non-recognized subsequent events that require additional disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure H Bond Fund
Statement of Approved Budget and Cumulative Expenditures
From Inception Through the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Expenditures of Bond Proceeds from Inception		
	Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance
Solar Energy & Technology Project	\$ 12,367,048	\$ 12,367,048	\$ -
Districtwide Technology Project	849,037	849,037	-
Master Planning Project	247,076	247,076	-
Other Projects	847,190	604,334	242,856
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,310,351	\$ 14,067,495	\$ 242,856

The notes to the supplementary information are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Expenditures of Bond Proceeds
From Inception Through the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Solar Energy & Technology Project			Districtwide Technology Project			Master Planning Project			Other Projects		
	Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance	Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance	Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance	Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures	Balance
Noncapitalized Equipment	\$ 127	\$ 127	\$ -	\$ 849,037	\$ 849,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,787	\$ 97,787	\$ -
Operating Expenditures	5,169	5,169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	129,543	129,543	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Architectural Planning	455,467	455,467	-	-	-	-	247,076	247,076	-	-	-	-
Design & Analysis	233,750	233,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Management	228,727	228,727	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	11,048,150	11,048,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering & Inspection	266,115	266,115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contingency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	749,403	506,547	242,856
Totals	\$ 12,367,048	\$ 12,367,048	\$ -	\$ 849,037	\$ 849,037	\$ -	\$ 247,076	\$ 247,076	\$ -	\$ 847,190	\$ 604,334	\$ 242,856

The notes to the supplementary information are an integral part of this statement.

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Measure H Bond Fund
Notes to Program Statements
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NOTE 1 - THE PROGRAM

In November 2000, California voters passed Proposition 39, which allows school districts to issue general obligation bonds with 55% voter approval (instead of two-thirds of the votes), if the intent and purpose of the bonds is to reduce class sizes and to modernize/replace school facilities. Along with the passage of Proposition 39, additional requirements are also added to ensure accountability over the usage of the bond proceeds, which includes conducting annual financial and performance audits.

The Sonoma Valley Unified School District passed Measure H on November 2010, with 67% of District voters approving the measure. The governing board then appointed a Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure accountability over the issuance and expenditures of bond proceeds. The bond oversight committee holds quarterly meetings to ensure that bond proceeds are expended in accordance with the bond project list and to obtain updates from the bond manager in regards to the progress of projects funded with bond proceeds.

The Sonoma Valley Unified School District successfully sold its first series of general obligation bonds, garnering a total of approximately \$14.6 million in proceeds to fund the District's solar energy and technology initiatives. The bond sale marks the first series of bonds of a larger capital program under Measure "H", authorizing \$40 million in bonds to be sold over time.

All projects funded by the issuance of Measure H general obligation bonds are subject to review by the District's Board of Trustees and by an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The District will also provide many public forums to present progress and seek input from community members, parents, and staff.

Bond proceeds from the recent bond sale will be primarily dedicated to launching the District's new solar program. The solar program is estimated to reduce utility costs and provide an additional source of funds to the District in the form of rebates from the California Solar Initiative. The goal is to generate savings that will benefit students in the form of additional resources for the classroom instead of utility bills.

The bond financing was facilitated in part via the District's receipt of a Clean and Renewable Energy Bond (CREB) Program award, which the District staff applied for and successfully garnered in November 2009. The CREB award allowed the District to sell approximately \$10 million of the total bonds with a Federal government subsidy, whereby the interest cost is substantially reduced. This means that the District was able to secure a large portion of the financing at an interest rate of approximately 3.14%, as compared to a non-subsidized rate of approximately 5.00%.

NOTE 2 – CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Duties of the committee include ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. The

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committee must also ensure that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operation expenses.

Furthermore, the committee is authorized to receive and review copies of the annual independent performance audit and the annual independent financial audit required by Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) and Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(D), respectively, of the California Constitution.

The Committee was formed by the Board trustees, which met one time in the last fiscal year. The Citizens' Oversight Committee was comprised of the following members as of June 30, 2015:

Brooks, Veronica	McKale, George
Elster, Becky	Berger, Kevin
Drummond, Daniel	Hilliard, Sally
McNairly, Chris	

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Schedule of Findings and Recommendations
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** No findings or exceptions noted **

**OTHER INDEPENDENT
AUDITOR'S REPORTS**



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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***

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Sonoma Valley Unified School District

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Measure H Bond Fund of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Sonoma Valley Unified School District's Measure H Bond Fund financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 2, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial



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statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

C & A LLP

October 2, 2015
San Jose, California



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
THAT COULD HAVE A DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON THE
MEASURE H BOND PROGRAM**

Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee and
Governing Board Members
Sonoma Valley Unified School District

Compliance

We have audited the Sonoma Valley Unified School District's (the District) compliance with Measure H of the November 2010 election, as approved under Proposition 39, and with the performance requirements referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

Management's Responsibility

Compliance with the requirements referred to above is the responsibility of the District's management.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance with the laws and regulations identified above based on our audit. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a material effect on compliance with the laws and regulations have occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. The following summarizes specific procedures performed during our audit, but is not intended to be an all-inclusive list:

1. We verified that bond proceeds were deposited in the District's name and invested in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
2. We selected two vendors and verified that the District followed the Public Contract Code bid requirements for the projects or services awarded, and if applicable, that invoices were allowable within the bond and approved by the board prior to payment.
3. We tested payments made to the architectural service companies and reviewed the terms of contracts.
4. We tested approximately 100% of the 2014-15 expenditures to ensure they were valid, allowable and accurate.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with those requirements.



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Opinion

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Measure H Bond program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing over compliance and the results of that testing based on the standards referred to above. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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