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Sacramento, California

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees and Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Measure D Natomas Unified School District Sacramento, California

We have conducted a performance audit of the Natomas Unified School District (the "District") Measure D General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2014.

We conducted our performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed on page 3 of this report which includes determining the compliance with the performance requirements for the Proposition 39 Measure D General Obligation Bonds under the applicable provisions of Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and Proposition 39 as they apply to the bonds and the net proceeds thereof. Management is responsible for Natomas Unified School District's compliance with those requirements.

Solely to assist us in planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the internal controls of Natomas Unified School District to determine if internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution. Accordingly, we do not express any assurance on the internal control.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, Natomas Unified School District expended Measure D General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

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Sacramento, California December 2, 2014

#### NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE D GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On June 6, 2006, the Natomas Unified School District (the "District") submitted for voter approval Measure D, a bond measure to authorize the sale of \$145.5 million in bonds to improve school facilities. This measure was submitted to voters under the terms and conditions of Proposition 39 (Article XIII of the California State Constitution), which requires a 55 percent affirmative vote for passage. Measure D passed with 62.0 percent.

#### NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, MEASURE D

The Natomas Unified School District, Sacramento County, California Election of 2006 General Obligation Bonds, Measure D were authorized at an election of the registered voters of the Natomas Unified School District held on June 6, 2006 at which more than fifty-five percent of the persons voting on the proposition voted to authorize the issuance and sale of \$145,500,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the District. The Bonds are being issued to finance the addition and modernization of certain District facilities. The Bonds are general obligations of the District, payable solely from *ad valorem* property taxes. The summarized text of the ballot language was as follows:

"To improve the quality of education by upgrading school facilities, shall Natomas Unified School District issue \$145.5 million in bonds, within legal interest rates, for purposes including:

- New Schools Site acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipment.
- Completion of Schools Construction, furnishing and equipment.
- Campus infrastructure, facilities and equipment.
- District technology and equipment.

The financial activity related to the Measure D General Obligation Bonds is recorded in the Building Fund (Fund 21) in the District's audited financial statements.

On August 1, 2006, the District issued series 2006 General Obligation Bonds, totaling \$60,000,000. Repayment of the Bonds is made from ad valorem taxes to be levied annually upon all property subject to taxation by the District. The Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 4.25% to 5.00% and are scheduled to mature through 2031.

On August 1, 2007, the District issued series 2007 General Obligation Bonds, totaling \$54,999,999. Repayment of the Bonds is made from ad valorem taxes to be levied annually upon all property subject to taxation by the District. The Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 3.90% to 5.65% and are scheduled to mature through 2032.

# NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE D GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, METHODOLOGY AND CONCLUSIONS

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objective of our performance audit was to determine that the District expended Measure D General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the purposes approved by the voters and only on the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)C of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

#### **SCOPE**

The District provided to us a list of all Measure D General Obligation Bond project expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2014 (the "List"). A total of \$752,879 in expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2014 were identified.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

We performed the following procedures to the List of Measure D General Obligation Bond project expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2014:

- Interviewed District management related to controls over planning, bidding, contracting, expenditure of bond funds and financial reporting have been put in place and are working as documented.
- Documented District procedures and controls over planning, bidding, contracting, expenditure of bond funds and financial reporting.
- Performed tests to determine that the District controls over planning, bidding, contracting, expenditure
  of bond funds and financial reporting have been put in place and are working as documented.
- Verified the mathematical accuracy of the expenditures list.
- Reconciled the list to total bond expenditures as reported by the District in the District's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014, presented as the Building Fund.
- Selected a sample of 7 expenditures totaling \$444,102 (Attachment A) from Measure D. The sample
  was selected to provide a representation across specific construction projects, vendors and
  expenditure amounts. Verified that funds were used for authorized projects as developed by the
  District's Board of Trustees. Verified that funds were used for new school site acquisition
  (construction, furnishing and equipment), completion of schools (construction, furnishing and
  equipment), campus infrastructure, facilities and equipment, and District technology and equipment.

#### CONCLUSION

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, Natomas Unified School District expended Measure D General Obligation Bond funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees and approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

## NATOMAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE D GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

# SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC EXPENDITURES TESTED

	Vendor	Date	1	Amount	
1	City of Sacramento	12/10/13	\$	200,000	
2	Apple Computer	06/17/14		152,338	
3	PCM-G	07/16/13		28,849	
4	CDW Government	06/05/14		25,023	
5	PCM-G	07/18/13		15,999	
6	Apple Computer	10/31/13		13,242	
7	Decotech Systems	01/09/14		8,652	
			\$	444,102	