

Redwoods Community College District

Eureka, California

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 30, 2015



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To the Board of Trustees
Redwoods Community College District
Eureka, California

We have audited the financial statements of Redwoods Community College District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2016. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit

As communicated in our engagement letter dated July 27, 2015, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion(s) about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the District solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and our network firms have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

Safeguards have been implemented to reduce the threats on our independence. These safeguards include continuing education related to independence and ethics requirements; external peer review of our firm's quality control system; our firm's internal policies and procedures which are designed to monitor compliance with the independence requirements; the involvement of another firm member who is responsible for completing an independent technical review of the financial statements; and your management's skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee any nonattest services we provide.

Qualitative Aspects of the District's Significant Accounting Practices

Significant Accounting Policies Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the District is included in note 1 to the financial statements. As described in note 1 to the financial statements, during the year, the entity changed its method of accounting for pensions by adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB No. 27*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. Accordingly, the net position of the District as of the beginning of the year decreased by \$22,504,335.

No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Accounting Estimates Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are listed below:

- Estimated adjustment to state apportionment
- Estimated liability for Other Post Retirement Benefits (OPEB)
- Estimated allowance for doubtful accounts
- Estimated pension liability

Apportionments from the State are based on various financial and statistical information of the previous year as well as State budgets and other factors outside the District's control. In February, subsequent to the year end, the State performs a recalculation based on actual financial and statistical information for the year just completed; based on this recalculation, apportionments may be adjusted by the State. Management's estimate of the adjustment to state apportionment is based on factors they can reasonably determine such as local property tax revenue received and reductions in FTES. Any additional corrections determined by the State are recorded in the year computed by the State. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the OPEB liability is based on an actuary report prepared October 16, 2013. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by the actuary in determining the OPEB liability and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical student fee collections, historical fees, and an analysis of the collectability by semester. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the pension liability is based on the valuation reports received from CalSTRS and CalPERS. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate and determined that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statement Disclosures Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the District's financial statements relate to the actuarial estimate of required contributions for other postemployment benefit obligations.

Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole and each applicable opinion unit. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. None of the misstatements identified by us as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole or applicable opinion units.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the District's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Representations Requested From Management

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated March 22, 2016.

Management's Consultations With Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues

In the normal course of our professional association with the District, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the District's auditors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

KCoe Isom, LLP

March 22, 2016
Redding, California