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**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**

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the governmental activities and each major fund of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission ("Commission"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2012. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

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 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.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all the deficiencies in the internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free of 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 statement amounts. However, providing an

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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*.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Commission Members, management of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS THAT COULD HAVE A
DIRECT AND MATERIAL EFFECT ON EACH MAJOR PROGRAM, INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Independent Auditor's Report

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission ("Commission") with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011. The Commission's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Commission's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Commission's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Commission's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Commission's complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of governmental activities and each major fund of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2012. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Commission Members, management of the Commission, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
February 2, 2012

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

	Federal Domestic Assistance <u>Number</u>	Program Identification <u>Number</u>	Program Expenditures <u></u>
U.S. Department of Interior			
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			
Pass-through the State of California:			
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation	15.615	various	<u>\$ 3,755,000</u>
 Total expenditures of federal awards			 <u>\$ 3,755,000</u>

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2011

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Applicable to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(a) Scope of Presentation

The accompanying schedule presents only the expenditures incurred by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (Commission) that are reimbursable under programs of federal agencies providing financial awards. For the purposes of this schedule, financial awards include federal awards received directly from a federal agency and federal funds received indirectly by the Commission from a non-federal agency or other organization. Only the portion of program expenditures reimbursable with such federal funds are reported in the accompanying schedule. Program expenditures in excess of the maximum reimbursement authorized and the portion of the program expenditures that were funded with other state, local or other non-federal funds are excluded from the accompanying schedule.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The expenditures included in the accompanying schedule were reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized when incurred. Expenditures reported would include any property or equipment acquisitions incurred under the federal program.

(c) Subrecipient Expenditures

During the year ended June 30, 2011, the Commission did not make any payments to subrecipients.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2011

(A) Summary of Auditors' Results

1. An unqualified report was issued by the auditors on the financial statements of the auditee.
2. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting based upon our audit of the financial statements of the auditee.
3. The audit disclosed no noncompliance which is material to the financial statements of the auditee.
4. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over the major program of the auditee.
5. An unqualified report was issued by auditors on compliance for the major program.
6. The audit disclosed no audit findings required by the auditors to be reported under paragraph .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.
7. The major program of the auditee was the U.S. Department of Interior, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, CFDA #15.615.
8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
9. The auditee was not considered a low risk auditee for the year ended June 30, 2011 for purposes of major program determination.

(B) Findings Related to the Financial Statements which are Required to be Reported in Accordance with GAGAS

There were no auditors' findings required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS.

(C) Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards as Defined in Paragraph .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133

There were no auditors' findings required to be reported in accordance with paragraph .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.