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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, 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 each major fund of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission ("Commission") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission'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 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.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
February 3, 2014



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**Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control
Over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Required by OMB Circular A-133**

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission's ("Commission") compliance 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 the Commission's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013. 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.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Commission's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. 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 on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination the Commission's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Commission has complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance 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, 2013.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Commission's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 Example Entity'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. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the financial statements of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2014, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. 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 financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of

the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Irvine, California
February 3, 2014

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2013

	Federal Domestic Assistance <u>Number</u>	Program Identification <u>Number</u>	Program <u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Interior			
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			
Pass-through the State of California Department: of Fish and Wildlife		F09AP00377, F11AP00846, CVMC065-19, CVMC073-2, E-30-HL-1	
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund	15.615		<u>\$ 6,242,275</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$ 6,242,275</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, 2013

(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 is 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, 2013, the Commission did not make any payments to subrecipients.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2013

(A) Summary of Auditors' Results

1. An unmodified report was issued by the auditors on the financial statements of the auditee.
2. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting based upon our audit of the financial statements of the auditee were reported.
3. The audit disclosed no noncompliance which is material to the financial statements of the auditee.
4. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over the major program of the auditee were reported.
5. An unmodified 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 considered a low risk auditee for the year ended June 30, 2013, 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.