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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Retirement Board of Authority of the San Mateo County Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust San Mateo, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of San Mateo County Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of San Mateo County Community College District (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 San Mateo County Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust, a fiduciary fund of San Mateo County Community College District, as of June 30 2017 and the change in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the District's Trust, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the San Mateo County Community College District, as of June 30, 2017, the change in its financial position, or where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Trust implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 74, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans". The statement replaced the requirement of GASB Statement No. 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans". Note disclosures and required supplementary information requirements about OPEB were enhanced related to the measurement of the OPEB liabilities for which assets have been accumulated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Required Supplementary Information, such as the Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, and Schedule of Money-Weighted Rate of Return of OPEB Plan Investments on pages 9 - 11, be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2017 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the Trust. 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance for the Trust. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering San Mateo County Community College District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance for the Trust.

Crowe Horwath LLP

Crowe Horwath LLP

Sacramento, California December 8, 2017

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST STATEMENT OF TRUST NET POSITION As of June 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS Investments: Mutual funds – fixed income Mutual funds – equity Mutual funds – real estate Total assets	\$ 48,077,511 42,467,543 6,752,278 97,297,332
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Total liabilities	235,713 235,713
NET POSITION Net position restricted for other postemployment benefits	<u>\$ 97,061,619</u>

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN TRUST NET POSITION For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>
Additions Employer contributions Net investment income: Dividends and other income Realized and unrealized losses, net Investment fees Total additions	\$ 15,230,215 2,789,489 6,253,815 (337,684) 23,935,835
Deductions Retiree benefits	7,230,215
Net increase	16,705,620
Net position restricted for other postemployment benefits:	
Net position, beginning of the year	80,355,999
Net position, end of the year	<u>\$ 97,061,619</u>

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following information of the San Mateo County Community College District Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of the San Mateo County Community College District (the "District"), provides only general information of the Trust's provisions. Readers should refer to the Trust agreement for a more complete description. These financial statements include only the resources of the Trust and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the District in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

<u>Organization</u>: The Trust is a contributory single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan trust administered by the San Mateo County Community College District through a third party. The Trust provides medical insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Membership consists of 686 retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and 947 active plan members. The Trust is a governmental plan that is not subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

<u>Basis of Accounting</u>: The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenue in the period in which contributions are due, pursuant to formal commitments as well as statutory or contractual commitments. Benefits and refunds of contributions are recognized when due and payable under the provisions of the Trust.

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America. In the U.S. the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the established and recognized standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The financial statements have been prepared consistent with GASB Codification Po50, *Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*.

New Accounting Pronouncements: In June 2015, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, which replaces GASB Statement No. 43, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. GASB Statement No. 74 addresses the financial reports of defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria. The GASB Statement follows the framework for financial reporting of defined benefit OPEB plans in GASB Statement No. 45 by requiring a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The Statement requires more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI) related to the measurement of the OPEB liabilities for which assets have been accumulated, including information about the annual money-weighted rates of return on plan investments.

<u>Funded Status and Funding Progress</u>: Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, investment returns, mortality and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the Trust and the annual required contributions of the District are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Plan Description:</u> The District provides postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) for retired employees in accordance with negotiated contracts with the various bargaining units of the District. The Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (the "Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan. During the year ended June 30, 2010 the District signed an irrevocable trust (the Trust) agreement. The District appointed a Board of Authority with authority to establish and amend benefits terms under the plan and make decisions on behalf of the District with respect to the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust Program. The Benefit Trust Company was appointed as the custodian and trustee to administer the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust. OPEB provisions are established and amended per contractual agreement with employee groups. Management of the Plan is vested in the Retirement Board of Authority, which consists of five members. The following is a description of the current retiree benefit plan:

Plan membership: At June 30, 2017, Plan membership consisted of the following:

	Number of
	<u>Participants</u>
Inactive Employees/Dependents Receiving Benefits	686
Inactive Employees/Dependents Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits Active Employees	- 947
Active Employees	1,633

<u>Academic Employees:</u> Employees of the San Mateo County Community College District, upon meeting the years of District service requirement and the "Magic 75" which is employee's Age plus Years of District service, will qualify for retiree benefits as indicated in their union contract. Retiree Benefits package may differ depending on hire date. The years of District service required are 10 years if hired prior to September 8, 1993 and 20 years if hired on or after September 8, 1993.

<u>CSEA & All Non-represented Employees:</u> Employees of the San Mateo County Community College District, upon meeting the years of District service requirement and the "Magic 75" which is employee's Age plus Years of District service, will qualify for retiree benefits as indicated in their union contract. Retiree Benefits package may differ depending on hire date. The years of District service required are 10 years if hired prior to July 1, 1992 and 20 years if hired on or after July 1, 1992.

<u>AFCSME Employees:</u> Employees of the San Mateo County Community College District, upon meeting the years of District service requirement and the "Magic 75" which is employee's Age plus Years of District service, will qualify for retiree benefits as indicated in their union contract. Retiree Benefits package may differ depending on hire date. The years of District service required are 10 years if hired prior to July 1, 1992 and 20 years if hired on or after July 1, 1992.

<u>Benefit Payments:</u> The Plan provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The Plan is included in the District's financial report and separately presented as a fiduciary fund.

During the year ended June 30, 2010 the District signed an irrevocable trust (the Trust) agreement. The District appointed a Board of Authority with authority to establish and amend benefits terms under the plan and make decisions on behalf of the District with respect to the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust Program. The Benefit Trust Company was appointed as the custodian and trustee to administer the Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust.

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Contributions</u>: Eligible employees are not permitted to make contributions to the Trust. The Plan administrator shall, on behalf of the employer, make all contributions to the Trustee. All contributions shall be paid to the Trustee for investment and reinvestment pursuant to the terms of the trust agreement. The District does not have contractually required contributions rates, but contributes in an amount sufficient to fully fund the Net OPEB obligation over a period not to exceed 30 years. Contributions to the Trust from the District was \$15,230,215 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

<u>Investment Options</u>: Benefit Trust Company ("BTC"), the Asset Custodian, maintains the Trust's investments in various mutual funds, and is the record keeper. BTC contracted with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney as the investment advisor. Funds allocated to the Asset Custodian are invested according to the investment policy statement (IPS) developed and approved by the Retirement Board in a combination of equity and fixed income investments.

<u>Investment Valuation</u>: Investments are reported at fair value based upon market prices, when available, or estimates of fair value, and unrealized and realized gains and losses are included in the Statement of Change in Trust Net Position.

Net OPEB Liability of the Trust:

The components of the net OPEB liability of the Trust at June 30, 2017, were as follows:

 Total OPEB Liability
 \$ 116,969,506

 Fiduciary Net Position
 97,061,619

 Net OPEB Liability
 \$ (19,907,887)

Fiduciary Net Position as a percentage of the total OPEB Liability

83%

<u>Actuarial Assumptions:</u> Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimations are made about the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation

In the June 30,2017 actuarial valuation date, the entry age actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 7.0 percent investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), based on assumed long return on plan assets assuming 100% funding through the Trust. Healthcare cost trend rates were 4.0 percent. An inflation rate of 2.75% and an expected payroll increase of 2.75% were utilized. The average hire age for eligible employees is 38 and the average retirement is 61. The actuarial present value of projected benefit payments is added for all employees to get the actuarial present value of total projected benefits and estimates present value of all future retiree health benefits for all employees and retirees. Participation rates were noted at 100% for certificated and classified employees. Mortality rates for certificated employees were based on the 2009 CalSTRS mortality tables. Mortality rates for classified employees were based on the 2014 CalPERS active mortality for miscellaneous employees.

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Plan Investments:</u> The plan discount rate of 7% was determined using the following asset allocation and assumed rate of return:

Asset Class	Percentage of <u>Portfolio</u>	Rate <u>Return*</u>
Fixed Income	50%	4%
Equities	50%	8%

^{*}Geometric average

Rolling periods of time for all asset classes in combination we used to appropriately reflect correlation between asset classes. This means that the average returns for any asset class do not necessarily reflect the averages over time individually, but reflect the return for the asset class for the portfolio average. Additionally, the historic 20 year real rates of return for each asset class along with the assumed long-term inflation assumption was used to set the discount rate. The investment return was offset by assumed investment expenses of 25 basis points. It was further assumed that contributions to the plan would be sufficient to fully fund the obligation over a period not to exceed 30 years

Money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments for the year ending June 30, 2017 was 7%.

<u>Sensitivity of the net pension liability to assumptions:</u> The following presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7 percent. The schedule also shows what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent lower (6 percent) and 1 percent higher (8):

	Discount	Valuation	Discount
	Rate	Discount	Rate
	1% Lower	Rate	1% Higher
	(6%)	(7%)	(8%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 32,545,120		\$ 9,263,614

The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the heath care cost trend rate of 4.0 percent. The schedule also shows what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1 percent lower (3.0 percent) and 1 percent higher (5.0 percent):

	Health Care	Valuation Health	Discount
	Trend Rate 1%	Care Trend	Trend Rate 1%
	Lower (3.0%)	<u>Rate (4.0%</u>)	<u>Higher (5.0%)</u>
Net OPEB liability	\$ 3,068,448	\$ 19,907,887	<u>\$ 40,865,489</u>

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Plan Termination</u>: In the event of Plan termination, the net position of the Trust would be allocated as prescribed in the Trust documents, generally to pay in the order indicated below:

- District's remaining retiree medical benefit liabilities.
- Reasonable expenses of administering the Trust.

Any assets remaining in the Trust after paying off the above liabilities shall revert back to the District.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

The Trust has adopted an internally developed investment policy that is governed by the standards established in the California Constitution. In addition, the Trust has written investment policies regarding the type of investments that may be made specifically for the Trust and the amount, which may be invested in any one financial institution or amounts that may be invested in long-term instruments. Management believes the Trust has complied with the provisions of statutes pertaining to the types of investments held, institutions in which deposits were made, and security requirements.

The fair values of the Trust's individual investments at June 30, 2017, are as follows:

	2011
Mutual funds – fixed income Mutual funds – equity Mutual funds – real estate	\$ 48,077,511 42,467,543 6,752,278
Total investments	<u>\$ 97,297,332</u>

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Trust's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year) appreciated as follows:

		<u>2017</u>
Dividend and other	\$	2,789,489
Realized gains, net		1,121,048
Unrealized gains, net		5,132,767
Investment fees		(337,684)
Total investment income	\$_	8,705,620

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u>: The California Government Code requires California banks and savings and loan associations to secure the Trust's deposits by pledging government securities as collateral. The market value of pledged securities must equal 110 percent of an agency's deposits. California law also allows financial institutions to secure an agency's deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150 percent of an agency's total deposits and collateral is considered to be held in the name of the Trust.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

NOTE 2 – INVESTMENTS (Continued)

<u>Credit Risk</u>: The Trust's investment policy requires all fixed income investments to be of investment grade quality or higher at purchase; that is, at the time of purchases, rated no lower than "BBB" by Standard and Poor's. The Trust Board, at their discretion, may impose a higher standard on an individual investment manager basis as circumstances or investment objectives dictate. At June 30, 2017, the Trust investments consisted of open-end mutual funds, therefore there are no credit ratings to disclose.

The OPEB Trust investments consisted of open and closed-end mutual funds, therefore, there are no significant interest rate risk related to the investments held, as there are no maturities related to the mutual funds held.

<u>Fair Value of Financial Instruments</u>: The following methods and assumptions were used by the Trust to estimate the fair value of its financial instruments at June 30, 2017.

<u>Fair Value Hierarchy</u>: Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a company's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

<u>Assets Recorded at Fair Value</u>: The following table presents information about the District's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2017:

	<u>Total</u>	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3
<u>2017</u>					
Investments:					
Mutual funds - fixed income	\$ 48,077,511	\$ 48,077,511	\$	- \$	-
Mutual funds - equity	42,467,543	42,467,543		-	-
Mutual funds – real estate	6,752,278	6,752,278		<u>-</u> _	
Total	\$ 97,297,332	\$ 97,297,332	\$	<u>- \$</u>	

Mutual funds were valued at closing prices from securities exchanges and are classified as Level 1 investments.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, there were no significant transfers in or out of Level 1.

There were no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at June 30, 2017.



SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the year ended June 30, 2017

I. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>
Total OPEB liability	
Service Cost Interest Benefit payments	\$ 3,269,290 7,305,828 (7,230,215)
Net change in total OPEB liability	3,344,903
Total OPEB liability, beginning of year	113,624,603
Total OPEB liability, end of year (a)	<u>\$ 116,969,506</u>
Plan fiduciary net position Employer contributions Actual Investment Income Administrative expense Benefits payment	15,230,215 9,043,304 (337,684) (7,230,215)
Change in plan fiduciary net position	16,705,620
Fiduciary trust net position, beginning of year	80,355,999
Fiduciary trust net position, end of year (b)	<u>\$ 97,061,619</u>
Net OPEB liability, ending (a) - (b)	\$ 19,907,887
Covered payroll	\$ 83,799,966
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB Liability	83%
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	24%

This is a 10 year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retrospectively.

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the year ended June 30, 2017

I. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS (Continued)

Valuation date June 30, 2017

Measurement date June 30, 2017

Census data The census was provided by the District as

of June 30, 2016

Actuarial cost method Entry age actuarial cost method

Inflation rate 2.75%

Investment rate of return / discount rate 7%

Health care cost trend rate 4.00%

Payroll increase 2.75%

Spouse relevance

Participation rates 100% for certificated and classified

employees.

Mortality For certificated employees the 2009

CalSTRS mortality tables were used.

For classified employees the 2014 CalPERS

active mortality for miscellaneous

employees were used.

To the extent not provided and when needed to calculate benefit liabilities, 80% of

retirees assumed to be married at

retirement. After retirement, the percentage married is adjusted to reflect mortality.

Spouse ages To the extent spouse dates of birth are not

provided and when needed to calculate benefit liabilities, female spouse assumed to be three years younger than male.

Turnover For certificated employees the 2009

CalSTRS termination rates were used.

For classified employees the 2009 CalPERS termination rates for school employees

were used.

Retirement rates For certificated employees the 2009

CalSTRS retirement rates were used.

For classified employees the 2009 CalPERS retirement rates for school employees were

used.

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUTURIS PUBLIC ENTITY INVESTMENT TRUST REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION For the year ended June 30, 2017

II. SCHEDULE OF MONEY-WEIGHTED RATE OF RETURN OF OPER PLAN INVESTMENTS

Money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments	7%
This is a 10 year schedule, however the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retrospe	ctively.



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

To the Board of Trustees San Mateo County Community College District San Mateo, California

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 accompanying financial statements of San Mateo County Community College Retirement Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust (the "Trust"), a fiduciary fund of San Mateo County Community College District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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. 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 District's Trust financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Trust's 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 over financial reporting 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 for the Trust. 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 for the Trust. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Crowe Horwath LLP

Crown Horwath LLP

Sacramento, California December 8, 2017