

September 28, 2023

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the accompanying financial statement of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District as of June 30, 2021 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, of the various opinion units of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of September 28, 2023:

Financial Statements

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 16, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for 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.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations, as applicable.

- We have identified and communicated to you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP, as applicable.
- All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- The effects of uncorrected misstatements summarized and aggregated by you during the current engagement are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the applicable opinion units and to the financial statements as a whole.
 - We have checked the following box to indicate whether or not there were any uncorrected misstatements to be evaluated.
 - No; there were no uncorrected misstatements to be evaluated
 - Yes; there were uncorrected misstatements as summarized in the attached
- The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP, if applicable.
- All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed, if applicable.
- All funds and activities are properly classified.
- All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus* as amended, and GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- All components of net position, nonspendable fund balance, and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- Our policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position/fund balance are available is appropriately disclosed and net position/fund balance is properly recognized under the policy.
- All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- Special items and extraordinary items have been properly classified and reported, if applicable.
- Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.
- With regard to investments and other instruments reported at fair value:

- The underlying assumptions are reasonable and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
- The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
- The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- With respect to the attached nonattest service(s), we have performed the following:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - Evaluate the adequacy of the services performed;
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
- Arrangements with financial institutions involving compensating balances or other arrangements involving restrictions on cash balances, line of credit, or similar arrangements have been properly disclosed.
- We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure pension and other postemployment benefit liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.

Supplementary Information in Relation to the Financial Statements as a Whole

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements (as identified in the audit report table of contents):

- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Regulations, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.
- We believe the supplementary information including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, GASB, federal guidelines, and state guidelines.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period except for the effects from the implementation of new GASB statements as noted in the audit report and disclosures.
- When the supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, management will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- We acknowledge our responsibility to include the auditor's report on the supplementary information in any document containing the supplementary information and that indicates the auditor reported on such supplementary information.
- We acknowledge our responsibility to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to

the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

Required Supplementary Information

With respect to the required supplementary information accompanying the financial statements (as identified in the audit report table of contents):

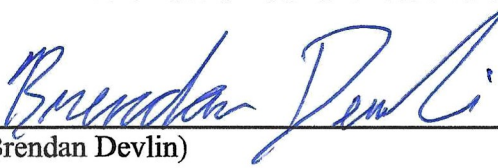
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAP and GASB.
- We believe the required supplementary information, including its form and content, is measured and fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP and GASB.
- The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period except for the effects from the implementation of new GASB statements.
- We believe the following significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the pension and OPEB schedules, and the basis for our assumptions and interpretations, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances:
 - Pension required supplementary information:
 - Significant assumptions include the actuarial cost method, amortization method, amortization period, inflation rates, investment rate of return and mortality tables.
 - The basis for these assumptions comes from information provided by CalPERS in their audited GASB 68 Accounting Valuation Reports and annual valuation reports used to determine the annual required contributions.
 - Other post-employment benefits required supplementary information:
 - Significant assumptions include the actuarial cost method, amortization method, amortization period, inflation rates, investment rate of return, mortality tables, and healthcare cost trends rate.
 - The basis for these assumptions comes from information provided by North Bay Pension, LLC in their Actuary Report.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or

- Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, vendors, regulators, or others.
- We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware, as applicable.
- There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District is contingently liable, as applicable.
- We have disclosed to you all nonexchange financial guarantees, under which we are obligated and have declared liabilities and disclosed properly in accordance with GASB Statement No. 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*, for those guarantees where it is more likely than not that the entity will make a payment on any guarantee.
- For nonexchange financial guarantees where we have declared liabilities, the amount of the liability recognized is the discounted present value of the best estimate of the future outflows expected to be incurred as a result of the guarantee. Where there was no best estimate but a range of estimated future outflows has been established, we have recognized the minimum amount within the range.
- We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 62 (GASB-62), *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.
- We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- There are no:
 - Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
 - Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62.
 - Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB-62.
 - Continuing disclosure consent decree agreements or filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and we have filed updates on a timely basis in accordance with the agreements (Rule 240, 15c2-12).

- The Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brendan Devlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

(Brendan Devlin)