



# **COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021  
3:00 PM**

*Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 18, 2020), the Finance Committee meeting will only be conducted via video/teleconferencing.*

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION**

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**THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.  
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**A. Member Roster**

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Finance Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

**3. DISCUSSION /ACTION**

**A. Final Comprehensive Audited Financial Report and Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter for Fiscal Year 2019/20 – Claude T. Kilgore**

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**Recommendation:** Recommend the Commission receive and file the reports for Fiscal Year 2019/20

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Finance Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Zoom Meetings:

**Coachella Valley Conservation Commission – March 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Item 1A

Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Member Roster



City of Coachella	<b>Mayor Steven Hernandez</b>
City of Desert Hot Springs	<b>Councilmember Gary Gardner</b>
City of Indian Wells	<b>Finance Director Kevin McCarthy</b>
City of La Quinta	<b>Mayor Linda Evans</b>

<b>Staff</b>
Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Claude Kilgore, CVCC Auditor
Katie Barrows, Director of Energy & Environmental Resources

**ITEM 3A**

**Coachella Valley Conservation  
Finance Committee**  
**February 26, 2021**



**Staff Report**

**Subject:** **Final Comprehensive Audited Financial Report and Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter for Fiscal Year 2019/20**

**Contact:** Claude T. Kilgore, CVCC Auditor ([ckilgore@cvag.org](mailto:ckilgore@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation:** Recommend the Commission receive and file the reports for Fiscal Year 2019/20

**Background:** The accounting firm of Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP performed the annual audit over the financial statements, footnotes, and related assertions of CVCC and has issued an unmodified audit opinion over such attributes – consistent with prior years. In addition, the auditors did not detect any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting during their audit and there were no material audit adjustments detected during the audit fieldwork process.

The audit was conducted 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. As such, the auditors provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The independent auditors will be attending the finance committee meeting to present their required communications under SAS 114 to Those Charged with Governance of the Commission.

**Fiscal Analysis:** No financial impact.

**Attachments:**

Comprehensive Audited Financial Report

SAS 114 Letter



## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

(WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, (the Commission) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic 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.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 auditor's 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 opinions.





To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and the Management and Monitoring, Land Acquisition, Management Contingency, and In Lieu Fee major special revenue funds be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic 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 basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic 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.

#### ***Prior Year Comparative Information***

The financial statements include partial prior-year comparative information. Such information does not include all of the information required or sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the government's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, from which such partial information was derived.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 11, 2021, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that 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 Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance, Soll &amp; Lungard, LLP". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Lance" and "Soll" on the first line and "Lungard, LLP" on the second line.

Brea, California  
January 11, 2021

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discussion and analysis of the financial performance of Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (“Commission”) provides an overview of the Commission’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements identified in the accompanying table of contents.

### Using the Accompanying Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the Commission as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Commission’s finances. Also included in the accompanying report are the *fund financial statements*. The fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Commission’s operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Commission’s most significant funds.

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The annual report consists of three parts – *management’s discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, and *required supplementary information*. The *basic financial statements* include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Commission:

- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both *long-term* and *short-term* information about the Commission’s overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the Commission government, reporting the Commission’s operations in *more detail* than the government-wide statements.

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that provided additional financial and budgetary information.

### Reporting the Commission as a Whole

The accompanying **government-wide financial statements** include two statements that present financial data for the Commission as a whole. One of the most important questions asked about the Commission’s finances is, “Is the Commission as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Commission as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Commission’s net position and changes in them. You can think of the Commission’s net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the Commission’s financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases and decreases* in the Commission’s net position is one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating.

## Reporting the Commission's Major Funds

The **fund financial statements** provide detailed information about the Commission's most significant funds – not the Commission as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by grant or legal requirements. However, the Commission establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting administrative responsibilities for using certain resources.

*Governmental funds* – the Commission's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other *current financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the Commission's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Commission's programs.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### Statements of Net Position

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019	Dollar Change	Total Percent Change
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and investments (note 2)	\$25,379,955	\$ 22,737,217	\$ 2,642,738	11.6%
Interest receivable	56,592	134,317	(77,725)	(57.9)%
Due from other governments	1,309,727	1,057,809	251,918	23.8%
Deposits	16,055	0	16,055	100.0%
Capital assets, not depreciated (note 4)	<u>71,968,512</u>	<u>70,114,027</u>	<u>1,854,485</u>	2.6%
 Total Assets	 <u>98,730,841</u>	 <u>94,043,370</u>	 <u>4,687,471</u>	 5.0%
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable	60,264	45,116	15,148	33.6%
Due to other governments	<u>415,370</u>	<u>357,465</u>	<u>57,905</u>	16.2%
 Total Liabilities	 <u>475,634</u>	 <u>402,581</u>	 <u>73,053</u>	 18.1%
<b>Net Position:</b>				
Investment in capital assets	71,968,512	70,114,027	1,854,485	2.6%
Restricted for Management & monitoring	7,424,734	6,256,947	1,167,787	18.7%
Restricted for Land acquisition	8,773,518	8,518,867	254,651	3.0%
Restricted for Endowment	9,393,466	8,248,553	1,144,913	13.9%
Unrestricted	<u>694,977</u>	<u>502,395</u>	<u>192,582</u>	38.3%
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$ 98,255,207</u>	 <u>\$ 93,640,789</u>	 <u>\$ 4,614,418</u>	 4.9%

A summary of the government-wide *statement of activities* follows:

Statements of Activities

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019	Dollar Change	Total Percent Change
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Administrative	\$ 266,679	\$ 338,569	\$ (71,890)	(21.2)%
Biological monitoring and land management program	<u>1,267,042</u>	<u>1,826,176</u>	<u>(559,134)</u>	(30.6)%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,533,721</u>	<u>2,164,745</u>	<u>(631,024)</u>	(29.2)%
<b>Program Revenues:</b>				
Operating contributions and grants	3,027,957	1,923,981	1,103,976	57.4%
Capital contributions and grants	2,514,324	6,511,944	(3,997,620)	(61.4)%
<b>General Revenues:</b>				
Interest income	386,093	663,872	(277,779)	(41.8)%
Other revenues	<u>219,765</u>	<u>4,080</u>	<u>215,685</u>	5286.4 %
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>6,148,139</u>	<u>9,103,877</u>	<u>(2,955,738)</u>	(32.4)%
<b>Changes in Net Position</b>	4,614,418	6,939,132	(2,324,714)	(33.5) %
<b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>93,640,789</u>	<u>86,701,657</u>	<u>6,939,132</u>	8.0 %
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 98,255,207</u>	<u>\$ 93,640,789</u>	<u>\$ 4,614,418</u>	5.0 %

The increase or decrease in net position can provide an indication as to whether the overall financial position of the Commission improved or deteriorated during the year. Net position of the Commission's governmental activities increased by 5.0% (\$98.3 million compared to \$93.6 million). The net position of the Commission changed as a result of the revenue and expense fluctuations and also capital assets described below for the activities of the Commission.

## **MAJOR FUNDS**

**General Fund** – The General Fund accounts for all of the general revenues of the Commission not specifically levied or collected for some special purpose, and for the expenditures related to the rendering of general services by the Commission. The current fiscal year's excess was \$1,332,150, bringing the ending fund balance of the General Fund to \$9,759,162.

The reasons for significant amounts in the revenues and expenditures of the Commission's General Fund are as follows:

- Agencies mitigation fees in the amount of \$1,005,500 was received from a few agencies contributing toward the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP), an increase of \$454,263 from the prior year.
- There were no transfers out to Management and Monitoring Fund in this fiscal year as no funding was required to pay for expenditures incurred by that fund, thus realizing a decrease of \$469,492.

**Management And Monitoring Fund** – The Management and Monitoring Fund accounts for the revenues associated with implementation of the land management program and the biological monitoring program for the CVMSHCP. The current fiscal year's deficit was (\$92,092), bringing the total ending fund balance to \$675,562.

The reasons for significant amounts in the revenues and expenditures of the Commission's Management and Monitoring Fund are as follows:

- The Commission adopted a fee ordinance in FY 2011/12 which permits part of the Development Mitigation fees collected to be used for Management and Monitoring. Current year amount allocated to this fund was \$457,474, a decrease of \$299,752 from the prior year's revenue.
- Consultant expenditures was \$582,582, a decrease of \$334,315 from the prior year's expenditure, again mainly due to a decrease in work performed by vendors.

**Land Acquisition Fund** – The Land Acquisition Fund accounts for the revenues generated by the Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF) and mitigation contributions from various agencies. The current fiscal year's excess was \$254,651, bringing the total ending fund balance to \$8,773,518.

The reasons for significant amounts in the revenues and expenditures of the Commission's Land Acquisition Fund are as follows:

- As noted in the Management and Monitoring Fund section, a fee ordinance was adopted in FY 2011/12 and since part of the development fee was allocated, the Development Mitigation fee that allocated to this fund was \$2,233,549 a decrease of \$1,463,493 from the prior year's revenue.
- The Commission did not receive any grants for land acquisitions in the current fiscal year, thus realizing a decrease of \$2,807,770, a decrease of \$1,063,796 from the prior year's amount.
- Capital outlay expense decreased by \$2,500,800, from \$4,355,285 in the prior year to \$1,854,485 in the current year.

**Management Contingency Fund** – The Management Contingency Fund accounts for the funds established for the purpose of which is to provide the ability to address immediate and/or large scale Monitoring and Management Program needs on the Permittees lands. The current fiscal year's excess was \$76,157, bringing the ending fund balance to \$5,013,581.

The reasons for significant amount in the expenditures of the Commission's Management Contingency Fund are as follows:

- \$5,293 was transferred out to the Management and Monitoring Fund for expenditures incurred on a barrier project, a decrease of \$34,891.

**In-Lieu Fee Fund** – The In-Lieu Fee Fund accounts for the funds generated from mitigation for unavoidable impacts to Waters of the U.S. and are used to perform restoration projects. The current fiscal year's excess was \$1,174,993, bringing the ending fund balance to \$1,197,833.

The reasons for significant amount in the expenditures of the Commission's Management Contingency Fund are as follows:

- Agencies mitigation fees in the amount of \$1,057,324 was received in the current year, an increase of \$963,974 from the prior year's amount.
- Consultant expenditures was \$100,844, a decrease of \$37,291 from the prior year's expenditure, mainly due to a decrease in work performed by a vendor.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Assets  
(not being depreciated)

	Balance June 30, 2020	Balance June 30, 2019	Increase
Land	\$ 71,968,512	\$ 70,114,027	\$ 1,854,485
Total	<u>\$ 71,968,512</u>	<u>\$ 70,114,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,854,485</u>

The major additions to capital assets were land acquisitions within the conservation area.

### **CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, members, and resource providers with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Commission's Office, attention Auditor, at 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 200, Palm Desert, California 92260.

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

(WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)

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	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and investments	\$ 25,379,955	\$ 22,737,217
Interest receivable	56,592	134,317
Deposits	16,055	-
Due from other governments	1,309,727	1,057,809
Land	71,968,512	70,114,027
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>98,730,841</b>	<b>94,043,370</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	60,264	45,116
Due to other governments	415,370	357,465
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>475,634</b>	<b>402,581</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Investment in capital assets	71,968,512	70,114,027
Restricted:		
Endowment	9,393,466	8,248,553
Management and monitoring	7,424,734	6,256,947
Land acquisition	8,773,518	8,518,867
Unrestricted	694,977	502,395
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 98,255,207</b>	<b>\$ 93,640,789</b>

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE 30, 2020

(WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues					Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Contributions and Grants	Capital Contributions and Grants	Governmental Activities		
					2020	2019	
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
Administrative	\$ 266,679	\$ -	\$ 1,457,126	\$ -	\$ 1,190,447	\$ 660,399	
Biological monitoring and land management program	1,267,042	-	1,570,831	2,514,324	2,818,113	5,610,781	
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,533,721</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,027,957</b>	<b>\$ 2,514,324</b>	<b>4,008,560</b>	<b>6,271,180</b>	
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
Investment income					386,093	663,872	
Other revenues					219,765	4,080	
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>605,858</b>	<b>667,952</b>	
Change in Net Position					4,614,418	6,939,132	
Net Position - Beginning					93,640,789	86,701,657	
<b>Net Position - Ending</b>					<b>\$ 98,255,207</b>	<b>\$ 93,640,789</b>	

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2020**  
**(WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)**

	<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>			
	<b>General</b>	<b>Management and Monitoring</b>	<b>Land Acquisition</b>	<b>Management Contingency</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and Investments	\$ 8,974,833	\$ 820,552	\$ 8,477,669	\$ 5,001,822
Interest Receivable	20,751	2,107	19,943	11,759
Deposits	-	-	16,055	-
Due from other governments	879,473	73,143	357,111	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,875,057</b>	<b>\$ 895,802</b>	<b>\$ 8,870,778</b>	<b>\$ 5,013,581</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 7,869	\$ 2,584	\$ 10,960	\$ -
Due to other governments	108,026	217,656	86,300	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>115,895</b>	<b>220,240</b>	<b>97,260</b>	<b>-</b>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted:				
Endowment	9,064,185	-	-	-
Management and monitoring	-	675,562	-	5,013,581
Land acquisition	-	-	8,773,518	-
Unassigned	694,977	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>9,759,162</b>	<b>675,562</b>	<b>8,773,518</b>	<b>5,013,581</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 9,875,057</b>	<b>\$ 895,802</b>	<b>\$ 8,870,778</b>	<b>\$ 5,013,581</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2020**  
**(WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)**

	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>					
			<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>		
	<u>In-Lieu Fee</u>			<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,240,072		\$ 865,007	\$ 25,379,955	\$ 22,737,217	
Interest Receivable	-		2,032	56,592	134,317	
Deposits	-		-	16,055	-	
Due from other governments	-		-	1,309,727	1,057,809	
Due from other funds	-		-	-	4,820	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,072</b>		<b>\$ 867,039</b>	<b>\$ 26,762,329</b>	<b>\$ 23,934,163</b>	
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances:</b>						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 38,851		\$ -	\$ 60,264	\$ 45,116	
Due to other governments	3,388		-	415,370	357,465	
Due to other funds	-		-	-	4,820	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>42,239</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>475,634</b>	<b>407,401</b>	
Fund Balances:						
Restricted:						
Endowment	-		329,281	9,393,466	8,248,553	
Management and monitoring	1,197,833		537,758	7,424,734	6,256,947	
Land acquisition	-		-	8,773,518	8,518,867	
Unassigned	-		-	694,977	502,395	
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,197,833</b>		<b>867,039</b>	<b>26,286,695</b>	<b>23,526,762</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,072</b>		<b>\$ 867,039</b>	<b>\$ 26,762,329</b>	<b>\$ 23,934,163</b>	

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**COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2020**

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Fund balances of governmental funds \$ 26,286,695

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets, such as land, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and,  
therefore, are not reported in the funds. 71,968,512

**Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 98,255,207

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020  
 (WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)

	Special Revenue Funds			
	General	Management and Monitoring	Land Acquisition	Management Contingency
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Development mitigation fees	\$ -	\$ 457,474	\$ 2,233,549	\$ -
Agencies mitigation fees	1,005,500	17,841	87,106	-
Tipping Fees	451,626	-	-	-
Grants	-	38,192	193,669	-
Investment Income	141,703	14,301	134,503	81,450
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,598,829</b>	<b>527,808</b>	<b>2,648,827</b>	<b>81,450</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Administrative fees	-	4,575	20,960	-
Insurance	9,295	-	-	-
Per diem	4,275	-	-	-
General and office expenses	4,406	15,903	-	-
Professional services	31,277	7,853	42,150	-
Consultants	217,426	582,582	242,863	-
Land Improvements	-	5,293	233,718	-
Equipment	-	8,987	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	1,854,485	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>266,679</b>	<b>625,193</b>	<b>2,394,176</b>	<b>-</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,332,150	(97,385)	254,651	81,450
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Transfers in	-	5,293	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	(5,293)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,293)</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,332,150	(92,092)	254,651	76,157
Fund Balance - Beginning	8,427,012	767,654	8,518,867	4,937,424
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 9,759,162</b>	<b>\$ 675,562</b>	<b>\$ 8,773,518</b>	<b>\$ 5,013,581</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020  
 (WITH COMPARATIVE PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION)

	Special Revenue Fund		Other Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
	In-Lieu Fee		2020		2019	
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Development mitigation fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,691,023	\$ 4,454,268		
Agencies mitigation fees	1,057,324	-	2,167,771	651,719		
Tipping Fees	-	-	451,626	447,731		
Grants	-	-	231,861	2,882,207		
Investment Income	62	14,074	386,093	663,872		
Miscellaneous	219,765	-	219,765	4,080		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,277,151</b>	<b>14,074</b>	<b>6,148,139</b>	<b>9,103,877</b>		
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Current:						
Administrative fees	-	-	25,535	44,542		
Insurance	-	-	9,295	10,742		
Per diem	-	-	4,275	5,250		
General and office expenses	1,314	-	21,623	10,033		
Professional services	-	-	81,280	211,293		
Consultants	100,844	-	1,143,715	1,565,536		
Land Improvements	-	-	239,011	313,091		
Equipment	-	-	8,987	4,258		
Capital outlay	-	-	1,854,485	4,355,285		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>102,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,388,206</b>	<b>6,520,030</b>		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,174,993	14,074	2,759,933	2,583,847		
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>						
Transfers in	-	-	5,293	509,676		
Transfers out	-	-	(5,293)	(509,676)		
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,174,993	14,074	2,759,933	2,583,847		
Fund Balance - Beginning	22,840	852,965	23,526,762	20,942,915		
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,197,833</b>	<b>\$ 867,039</b>	<b>\$ 26,286,695</b>	<b>\$ 23,526,762</b>		

**COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 2,759,933

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (if applicable). This is amount of capital outlays during the year, as the Commission holds no assets being depreciated.

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1,854,485

**Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities** \$ 4,614,418

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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### a. Description of Reporting Entity

The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (the Commission) was formed under California's Joint Powers Law on December 1, 2005 for the purpose of overseeing and administering the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (the CVMSHCP), a regional habitat conservation plan which balances conservation of rare and endangered species and development on an area-wide and regional basis under Section 6500 et. seq. of the Government Code. The Commission's members are the Cities of Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and Mission Springs Water District. Nonvoting participants of the Commission are Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District and Riverside County Waste Management District.

The CVMSHCP is a long-term habitat conservation plan permitted by the California Department of Fish and Game as of September 9, 2008 and the United States Fish and Wildlife Services as of October 1, 2008 under the authority of the state and federal Endangered Species Acts. Although the Commission was formed as an independent joint powers authority prior to issuance of the state and federal permits for the CVMSHCP, it did not begin functioning as an independent agency until October 2008. With the approval of the CVMSHCP permits, funding for the activities of the Commission, including land acquisition, land management and biological monitoring, became available as of October 1, 2008.

With the CVMSHCP, over 240,000 acres of open space will be protected as well as 27 species of plants and animals that are threatened or facing extinction. The Commission is also empowered to acquire land and administer grant programs to not-for-profit programs and Permittees to conserve lands that contribute to the CVMSHCP's reserves, and to coordinate conservation easement agreements with landowners, seek grants and other funding sources to assist with acquisition, and coordinate with other state and federal acquisition programs in the CVMSHCP's area to ensure efficiency and consistency among acquisition programs. The basic financial statements of the Commission include all activities for which the Commission is financially accountable.

Major sources of revenue for the Commission include a Local Development Mitigation Fee collected on new development, tipping fees from Riverside County landfills, and regional infrastructure mitigation funds from various agencies, including the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Coachella Valley Water District and Imperial Irrigation District. Other funding sources may be identified in subsequent years.

##### b. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on charges for services. Likewise, the primary government (including its blended component units) is reported separately from discretely presented component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. The Commission has no business-type activities, fiduciary activities, or component units.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regard to interfund activities, payables, and receivables. All internal balances have been eliminated for purposes of the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The underlying accounting system of the Commission is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Separate financial statements for the Commission's governmental funds are presented after the Government-wide Financial Statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and other governmental funds in the aggregate. All of the Commission's funds, with the exceptions of the Lizard Endowment and Travertine Point Monitoring Funds, are considered major funds.

#### c. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The Government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the economic resources measurement focus, all (both current and long-term) economic resources and obligations of the reporting government are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transaction are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. The reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered to be a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period. Noncurrent portions of long-term receivables due to governmental funds are reported on their balance sheets in spite of their spending measurement focus. However, special reporting treatments are used to indicate that they should not be considered "available spendable resources" since they do not represent net current assets. Recognition of governmental fund type revenue represented by noncurrent receivables is deferred until they become current receivables. Noncurrent portions of other long-term receivables are offset by fund balance reserve accounts.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term liabilities, claims and judgments, and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term liabilities are reported as other financing sources.

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. The Commission does not have any items that qualify in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Commission does not have any items that qualify in this category.

#### Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted — net position and unrestricted — net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted — net position to have been depleted before unrestricted — net position is applied.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balances are reported in the fund statements in the following classifications:

Nonspendable Fund Balance — this includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form (such as inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (such as endowments).

Restricted Fund Balance — this includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. If the action limiting the use of funds is included in the same action (legislation) that created (enables) the funding source, then it is restricted. The accompanying financial statements include restricted fund balance for management and monitoring, land acquisition, and endowment. The CVMSHCP that created the funding source restricted the use of these funds for specific purposes.

Committed Fund Balance — this includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Commission. It includes legislation (Commission action) that can only be overturned by new legislation requiring the same type of voting consensus that created the original action. Therefore, if the Commission action limiting the use of the funds is separate from the action (legislation) that created (enables) the funding source, then it is committed, not restricted. The Commission considers a resolution to constitute a formal action of the Commission for the purposes of establishing committed fund balance.

Assigned Fund Balance — this includes amounts that are designated or expressed by the Commission but does not require a formal action like a resolution or ordinance. The Commission may delegate the ability of an employee or committee to assign uses of specific funds, for specific purposes.

Unassigned Fund Balance — this includes the remaining spendable amounts which are not included in one of the other classifications.

It is the Commission's policy that restricted resources will be applied first, followed by (in order of application) committed, assigned, and unassigned resources, in the absence of a formal policy adopted by the Commission.

#### d. Fund Classifications

The Commission reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund — This fund is used to account for all of the general revenues of the Commission not specifically levied or collected for special purposes, and for the expenditures related to the rendering of general services by the Commission.

Management and Monitoring Special Revenue Fund — This fund is used to account for the revenues associated with implementation of the land management program and the biological management program for the CVMSHCP. These programs are supported by grants and funds provided by various agencies to support implementation of the CVMSHCP.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Land Acquisition Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for the revenues generated by the Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF) and mitigation contributions from various agencies. These revenues are used to support the acquisition of lands by the Commission on behalf of the Local Permittees to meet the goals of the CVMSHCP.

Management Contingency Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used for the ability to address immediate and/or large-scale Monitoring and Management Program needs on the Permittees' lands. According to the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, the Commission will establish a \$5.0 million management contingency fund as a subset of the Monitoring and Management Program budgets. This one-time Management Contingency Fund will be established within the first 10 years after Permit issuance (2008) and will be included in the Operating Fund budget as a separate item.

In-Lieu Fee Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used account for monies received from fees charged to other agencies for environmental mitigation.

#### e. Reclassification and Eliminations

Inter-fund balances must generally be eliminated in the government-wide financial statements, except for net residual amounts due between governmental activities. Any allocations must reduce the expenses of the function from which the expenses are being allocated, so that expenses are reported only once - in the function in which they are allocated.

#### f. Cash and Investments

The Commission pools cash and investments of all funds. Each fund's share in this pool is displayed in the accompanying financial statements as cash and investments. Investment income earned by the pooled investments is allocated to the various funds based on each fund's average cash and investment balance.

#### g. Capital Assets

Capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets, donated works of art and similar items, and capital assets received as part of a service concession arrangement are recorded at acquisition value at the date of acquisition. Generally, the Commission capitalizes assets with a cost in excess of \$5,000 with a useful life in excess of one year.

Capital assets used in operations are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation expense is charged as an expense against operations and accumulated depreciation is reported on the Statement of Net Position. The Commission currently reports no depreciable assets.

#### h. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 2: Cash and Investments

Cash and investments of the Commission consisted of the following at June 30, 2020:

Cash and deposits:		
Deposits with financial institutions		\$ 1,399,570
Investments:		
Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund		23,980,385
Total cash and investments		<u>\$ 25,379,955</u>

#### Deposits

The Commission's deposits with financial institutions were insured or collateralized as required by State Law.

#### Investments Authorized by the California Government Code and the Commission's Investment Policy

The table below identifies the investment types that are authorized for the Commission by the California Government Code (or the Commission's investment policy, where more restrictive). The table also identifies certain provisions of the California Government Code (or the Commission's investment policy, where more restrictive) that address interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk.

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
United States Treasury Obligations	3 years	None	None
Money Market Mutual Funds investing in United States Treasury Investments	N/A	20%	10%
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None

*N/A - Not Applicable*

#### Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the Commission manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time; or coming close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations. The Commission's investment in the Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund of \$23,980,385 is available on demand.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 2: Cash and Investments (Continued)

##### Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Commission does not hold any investments subject to minimum credit ratings. The pooled investments held with the Riverside County Pooled Investment Fund are considered to be unrated.

##### Investment in Riverside County Investment Pool

The Commission is a voluntary participant in the County of Riverside Treasury Pool. The fair value of the Commission's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the Commission's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County for the entire County portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County.

##### Fair Value Hierarchy

The Commission categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Commission has all the investments in Level 2 inputs.

#### Note 3: Interfund Transfers

The Management Contingency Fund transferred \$5,293 to the Management and Monitoring Special Revenue Fund to pay for expenditures incurred.

#### Note 4: Capital Assets

A summary of capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

	Balance at July 1, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance at June 30, 2020
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 70,114,027	\$ 1,854,485	\$ -	\$ 71,968,512

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 5: Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation Protection Description

##### Description of Self-Insurance Pool Pursuant to Joint Powers Agreement

The Coachella Valley Conservation Commission is a member of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (the Authority). The Authority is composed of 118 California public entities and is organized under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code §6500 et seq. The purpose of the Authority is to arrange and administer programs for the pooling of self-insured losses, to purchase excess insurance or reinsurance, and to arrange for group purchased insurance for property and other lines of coverage. The California JPIA began covering claims of its members in 1978. Each member government has an elected official as its representative on the Board of Directors. The Board operates through a nine-member Executive Committee.

##### Primary Self-Insurance Programs of the Authority

Each member pays an annual contribution at the beginning of the coverage period. A retrospective adjustment is then conducted annually thereafter, for coverage years 2012-13 and prior. Coverage years 2013-14 and forward are not subject to routine annual retrospective adjustment. The total funding requirement for self-insurance programs is based on an actuarial analysis. Costs are allocated to individual agencies based on payroll and claims history, relative to other members of the risk-sharing pool.

##### *Primary Liability Program*

Claims are pooled separately between police and general government exposures. (1) The payroll of each member is evaluated relative to the payroll of other members. A variable credibility factor is determined for each member, which establishes the weight applied to payroll and the weight applied to losses within the formula. (2) The first layer of losses includes incurred costs up to \$30,000 for each occurrence and is evaluated as a percentage of the pool's total incurred costs within the first layer. (3) The second layer of losses includes incurred costs from \$30,000 to \$750,000 for each occurrence and is evaluated as a percentage of the pool's total incurred costs within the second layer. (4) Incurred costs from \$750,000 to \$50 million, are distributed based on the outcome of cost allocation within the first and second loss layers.

The overall coverage limit for each member, including all layers of coverage, is \$50 million per occurrence. Subsidence losses have a sub-limit of \$40 million per occurrence. The coverage structure includes retained risk that is pooled among members, reinsurance, and excess insurance. More detailed information about the various layers of coverage is available on the following website: <https://cjpi.org/protection/coverage-programs>.

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### Note 5: Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation Protection Description (Continued)

##### Adequacy of Protection

During the past three fiscal years, none of the above programs of protection experienced settlements or judgments that exceeded pooled or insured coverage. There were also no significant reductions in pooled or insured liability coverage in 2019-20.

#### Note 6: Future Funding

Per the 2011 Local Development Mitigation Fee Nexus Study, plan implementation costs include the direct and indirect costs associated with land acquisition, the Monitoring Program, and the Management Program, including Adaptive Management. Additional costs include staff costs associated with Plan Administration. The estimated costs of Plan Administration. The estimated costs of Plan implementation for the permittees over the 75-year term are \$1,708,767,000. Revenue sources to fund these costs are as follows:

Local Development Mitigation Fee	\$ 1,212,881,000
Conservation Trust Fund	160,432,000
Regional Road Projects and	
Infrastructure Mitigation	100,814,000
Interest on Investments	234,640,000
 Total Revenues	 <u>\$ 1,708,767,000</u>

In accordance with the CVMSHCP, Coachella Valley Association of Governments committed \$30 million of future Measure A funds, which would mitigate all the regional transportation projects listed in the current Transportation Project Prioritization Study (TPPS). Under the CVMSHCP, the \$30 million in the CVAG transportation funds would contribute to both land acquisition and the establishment of the Endowment Fund, which would ensure monitoring and management of the acquired lands. The CVMSHCP area includes 1.1 million acres, encompassing the entire Coachella Valley and the surrounding mountains. The MSHCP will benefit the local jurisdictions by providing Take Authorization for all development, including public infrastructure projects, undertaken by the Permittees (signatories to the MSHCP) outside the Conservation Areas. By providing Take Authorization for public and private development projects, the MSHCP eliminates the need for projects to conduct biological surveys and negotiate individual project mitigation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. At June 30, 2020, the outstanding commitment from CVAG is \$7,675,000. This commitment has not been recorded as a receivable because it has not met all the revenue recognition requirements.

#### Note 7: Related Party Transactions

The Commission entered into a contract with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), whereby CVAG, under the direction of the Commission, will coordinate and administer the implementation of CVMSHCP. The contract calls for the Commission to pay CVAG based upon actual staff time spent at rates not to exceed the rates paid by CVAG. The amount shall not exceed \$772,500 for fiscal year 2019-2020. During the year, CVAG incurred and charged the Commission \$602,851 of staff time and allocated administrative expenses, all of which was accounted for in the fiscal year.

**COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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**Note 8: Investment Income**

Investment income amounted to \$386,093 for the year ended June 30, 2020. This amount was comprised of interest earnings on investments of \$389,931 less an unrealized loss on the fair market value of investments in the amount of \$3,838.

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Agencies mitigation fees	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,005,500	\$ 505,500
Tipping fees	432,300	432,300	451,626	19,326
Investment income	147,375	147,375	141,703	(5,672)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,079,675</b>	<b>1,079,675</b>	<b>1,598,829</b>	<b>519,154</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Insurance	9,295	9,295	9,295	-
Per diem	10,200	10,200	4,275	5,925
General and office expenses	9,047	9,047	4,406	4,641
Professional services	39,903	39,903	31,277	8,626
Consultants	285,913	285,913	217,426	68,487
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>354,358</b>	<b>354,358</b>	<b>266,679</b>	<b>87,679</b>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	725,317	725,317	1,332,150	606,833
<b>Other Financing (Uses):</b>				
Transfers out	(452,621)	(452,621)	-	452,621
<b>Total Other Financing (Uses)</b>	<b>(452,621)</b>	<b>(452,621)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>452,621</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 272,696	\$ 272,696	1,332,150	\$ 1,059,454
Fund Balance - Beginning			8,427,012	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>			<b>\$ 9,759,162</b>	

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget	
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)	
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Development mitigation fees	\$ 306,000	\$ 306,000	\$ 457,474	\$ 151,474	
Agencies mitigation fees	-	-	17,841	17,841	
Grants	355,320	355,320	38,192	(317,128)	
Investment income	8,660	8,660	14,301	5,641	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>669,980</b>	<b>669,980</b>	<b>527,808</b>	<b>(142,172)</b>	
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Administrative fees	3,060	3,060	4,575	(1,515)	
General and office expenses	500	500	15,903	(15,403)	
Professional services	5,000	5,000	7,853	(2,853)	
Consultants	1,135,586	1,135,586	582,582	553,004	
Land improvements	2,000,000	2,000,000	5,293	1,994,707	
Equipment	-	-	8,987	(8,987)	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,144,146</b>	<b>3,144,146</b>	<b>625,193</b>	<b>2,518,953</b>	
Deficiency of Revenues under Expenditures	(2,474,166)	(2,474,166)	(97,385)	2,376,781	
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>					
Transfers in	2,452,621	2,452,621	5,293	(2,447,328)	
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>2,452,621</b>	<b>2,452,621</b>	<b>5,293</b>	<b>(2,447,328)</b>	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (21,545)	\$ (21,545)	(92,092)	\$ (70,547)	
Fund Balance - Beginning			767,654		
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>			<b>\$ 675,562</b>		

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
LAND ACQUISITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Development mitigation fees	\$ 1,494,000	\$ 1,494,000	\$ 2,233,549	\$ 739,549
Agencies mitigation fees	-	-	87,106	87,106
Grants	2,374,056	2,374,056	193,669	(2,180,387)
Investment income	100,000	100,000	134,503	34,503
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,968,056</b>	<b>3,968,056</b>	<b>2,648,827</b>	<b>(1,319,229)</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Administrative Fees	14,940	14,940	20,960	(6,020)
General and office expenses	500	500	-	500
Professional Services	176,500	176,500	42,150	134,350
Consultants	315,741	315,741	242,863	72,878
Land improvements	500,000	500,000	233,718	266,282
Capital outlay	8,000,000	8,000,000	1,854,485	6,145,515
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,007,681</b>	<b>9,007,681</b>	<b>2,394,176</b>	<b>6,613,505</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (5,039,625)	\$ (5,039,625)	254,651	\$ 5,294,276
Fund Balance - Beginning			8,518,867	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>			<b>\$ 8,773,518</b>	

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget	
	Original	Final		\$	Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Investment income	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 81,450	\$	11,450
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>81,450</b>		<b>11,450</b>
<b>Other Financing (Uses):</b>					
Transfers out	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(5,293)		1,994,707
<b>Total Other Financing (Uses)</b>	<b>(2,000,000)</b>	<b>(2,000,000)</b>	<b>(5,293)</b>		<b>1,994,707</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (1,930,000)	\$ (1,930,000)	76,157	\$	2,006,157
Fund Balance - Beginning					4,937,424
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>				<b>\$</b>	<b>5,013,581</b>

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
IN LIEU FEE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Agencies mitigation fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,057,324	\$ 1,057,324
Investment income	10	10	62	52
Miscellaneous	-	-	219,765	219,765
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,277,151</b>	<b>1,277,141</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General and office expenses	575	575	1,314	(739)
Consultants	37,971	37,971	100,844	(62,873)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>38,546</b>	<b>38,546</b>	<b>102,158</b>	<b>(63,612)</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (38,536)</u>	<u>\$ (38,536)</u>	<u>1,174,993</u>	<u>\$ 1,213,529</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning			22,840	
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>			<b>\$ 1,197,833</b>	

## COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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#### **Note 1: Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The Commission adopts an annual budget prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting for its governmental funds. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between the accounts of any department. Revisions that alter the total appropriations of any fund are approved by the Commission's Board. Prior year appropriations lapse unless they are approved for carryover into the following fiscal year. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Reserves for encumbrances are not recorded by the Commission.

#### **Note 2: Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the In Lieu Fee special revenue fund by \$63,612.

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds			
	Lizard Endowment	Travertine Point Monitoring		Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets:</b>				
Cash and investments	\$ 328,509	\$ 536,498		\$ 865,007
Interest receivable	772	1,260		2,032
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 329,281</b>	<b>\$ 537,758</b>		<b>\$ 867,039</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Restricted:				
Endowment	\$ 329,281	\$ -		\$ 329,281
Management and monitoring	-	537,758		537,758
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 329,281</b>	<b>\$ 537,758</b>		<b>\$ 867,039</b>

COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>			
	<b>Lizard Endowment</b>	<b>Travertine Point Monitoring</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Investment Income	\$ 5,345	\$ 8,729	\$ 14,074
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,345</b>	<b>8,729</b>	<b>14,074</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,345	8,729	14,074
Fund Balance - Beginning	323,936	529,029	852,965
<b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 329,281</b>	<b>\$ 537,758</b>	<b>\$ 867,039</b>



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2021.

### **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) as a basis for designing 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 financial statements. 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*.





To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

**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 Commission'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 Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Brea, California  
January 11, 2021



January 11, 2021

To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (the Commission) for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 27, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### ***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year 2019-2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### ***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### ***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements were found.





To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### ***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 11, 2021.

### ***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Commission's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### ***Other Audit Findings or Issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### **Other Matters**

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund, the Management and Monitoring, Land Acquisition, Management Contingency, and In Lieu Fee major special revenue funds which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on combining fund financial statements, which accompany the basic financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.



To the Commission Members  
Coachella Valley Conservation Commission  
Palm Desert, California

New Accounting Standards

The following new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements were effective for fiscal year 2019-2020 audit:

GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*.

The following pronouncements have been postponed as a temporary relieve to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the new effective date are reflected in the following fiscal years and should be reviewed for proper implementation by management:

Fiscal year 2021

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*.

GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests - an Amendment of GASB Statement Nos. 14 and 61*.

Fiscal year 2022

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*.

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*.

Fiscal year 2023

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of Commission Members and management of Coachella Valley Conservation Commission and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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