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COUNTY OF MARIN
Measure A Compliance Report
Notes to the Compliance Report
June 30, 2019

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Entity

The County receives funding under the Measure A Expenditure Plan as a member of the County of Marin.

Basis of Accounting

The County utilizes the economic resources measurement focus basis of account, whereby revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The County considers all revenues reported to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Capital assets acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

NOTE 2 MEASURE A SALES TAX

The Measure A sales tax is a ½-cent set forth by voters as a step in implementing a 1.6 billion dollar “transportation vision” set forth by the County of Marin as a plan to alleviate traffic congestion, reinvent the public transportation system, provide additional pedestrian and bike pathways, provide safer routes to school and many other additional transit related goals. Citizens’ Advisory Committees in each part of the County, representing the many diverse interests in Marin, provided input that result in a draft expenditure plan. The draft plan was presented to each of Marin’s City/Town Councils and to numerous stakeholder groups. Their comments prompted refinements reflected in the Final Measure A ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan.

The Measure Expenditure Plan is administered by the Authority. Its 16-member board consists of the five members of the Board of Supervisors and a council member of each incorporated City/Town. The Authority is accountable to a 12-member COC, created with the assistance of the League of Women Voters. The COC reviews all expenditures and reports annually to the public.

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1. Obtained original Funding Agreement/Contract, Allocation Request, and Funding Agreement/Contract Amendments for the audit period or for the period during which funding was utilized for an approved project.
2. Reviewed Funding Agreement/Contract, Allocation Request, and Funding Agreement/Contract Amendments to determine total funding provided by the applicable Strategy for the audit period or for the projects being audited.
3. Interviewed finance staff regarding internal controls in the following areas, specific to, but not limited to, accounting for Measure A funding, to obtain an understanding of the entity's operations:
 - a. Cash Disbursements – Reviewed policies and procedures regarding approval, defacements, accounts payable check processing, and other matters related to the disbursement of funds.
 - b. Cash Receipts – Reviewed policies and procedures regarding cash handling of over-the-counter receipts and cash receipts received through the mail, bank deposits, bank reconciliations, and other matters related to the receipt of funds.
4. Obtained all invoices submitted to the Authority for reimbursements, if applicable.
5. Obtained supporting documentation for all invoices submitted to the Authority for reimbursements, including construction, personnel, project management, consultants, and other related costs.
6. Obtained general ledger detail for revenue and expenditures charged to the Measure A funding source or equivalent reports where income and expenses associated with Measure A funds can be clearly identified.
7. Reviewed remittances from the Authority to ensure that all revenues are correctly coded to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding.
8. For reimbursement-based agreements, we reviewed all invoices submitted to the Authority to ensure that the costs being billed on the invoices reconcile with the ones being charged to the specific Measure A cost center in the entity's financial accounting system.
9. For reimbursement-based agreements/contracts, expenditures charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding were selected on a random basis and tested for the following attributes:
 - a. Approval – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that the proper review and approval process occurred and is documented on the invoice.
 - b. Invoice – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that they are mathematically accurate, properly addressed to the auditee, and have sufficient detail to justify the amounts being charged and the cost center or fund code to which it is being charged to.
 - c. Coding – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that they have been correctly coded to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding.
 - d. Allowable – Reviewed invoices and supporting documentation to ensure that the costs being charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding are allowable costs based on the Measure A Expenditure Plan, the entity's funding agreement with the Authority, and specific requirements of the Strategy for which the funds were restricted for. Also reviewed expenditures to ensure that all costs are direct costs and not indirect costs or allocations of any kind.

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10. For entities receiving funding in advance for Strategy 3 under a Measure A funding agreement, we reviewed, in summary form, various invoices to verify that expenditures being charged to the specific cost center or fund code restricted for Measure A are reasonable for the project. In addition, expenditures are also tested in the same fashion as outlined in step 9 of this list.
11. For entities where capital construction projects were funded utilizing Measure A Strategy 3 and 4 funding, we obtained the necessary project files and reviewed them for the following requirements:
 - a. Procurement Process – Reviewed procurement process of the project to ensure that the project was properly advertised in publications, internet, trade journals and/or other acceptable means. If other means of procurement, such as selective RFP submittals were followed, we determined whether the process is adequate in regard to the project. Reviewed any other evidence of procurement when appropriate, such as fax logs or mailing lists.
 - b. Bids and Proposals – Reviewed bids and proposals received to ensure that sufficient bids were received in regard to the project.
 - c. Bid Award – Reviewed City/Town Council Agendas and Minutes along with Staff Reports in regard to the bid award to ensure that the contract for the project was properly approved by Department Heads and the City/Town Council and was properly documented in a public forum. Also, we reviewed bidding results to ensure that the lowest bid was selected, and if the lowest bid was not selected, that there is sufficient documentation for any other selection process utilized.
12. For entities where professional service contracts were paid utilizing Measure A funding, with regards to construction projects or other purposes, we reviewed the policies and procedures of the entity in question to ensure that internal policies and procedures were followed in regard to the selection of professional service firms.
13. For entities where capital construction projects were paid utilizing Measure A Strategy 3 and 4 funding, we reviewed any applicable environmental review requirements and reviewed documentation to verify that all reports and reviews were performed prior to the start of any construction.
14. For entities where personnel costs were charged to the specific cost center or fund code designated for Measure A funding, we selected a representative sample of charges for personnel costs and tested for the following:
 - a. Recalculation – Reviewed and reconciled wage rates from personnel costs charged to Measure A cost center or fund code to the entity’s payroll registers to ensure that wage rates being charged were accurate and properly approved; reviewed all benefits and fringe costs being allocated in addition to wage rates to ensure that they are accurate and appropriate; recalculated personnel costs utilizing wage rates and hours being charged to ensure that the amounts are mathematically accurate; review the calculation to ensure no indirect costs are included in the reimbursement request.
 - b. Timesheet – Reviewed timesheets for selected personnel costs to ensure that hours being charged to Measure A are properly supported with an approved timesheet. All charges to Measure A funding must be clearly documented on timesheets, detailing the number of hours and the funding source, on a daily basis. We also reviewed timesheets for selected personnel costs to ensure that signatures of both the employee and supervisor are present. Electronic time documentation methods must also have similar electronic signatures.
15. Obtained close-out reports, from completed capital construction projects, submitted to the Authority.
16. Reviewed close-out reports to ensure that they were submitted within 90 days and were properly certified in accordance with the entity’s funding agreement/contract with the Authority.

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Attachment B - Findings and Observations

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None Noted

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Attachment C – Schedule of Funding Allocations and Expenditures

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Measure A Allocation					
Period Audited	Agreement Number	Measure A Strategy	Agreement Date	Available Amount*	
FY2018-19	A-2015-014	Interest Fund	9/22/2015	\$34,853	
Measure A Expenditures					
Project Audited	Measure A Strategy			Amount	
Multi-Use Path Maintenance for Cal Park Hill Tunnel	Interest Fund			\$69,706	
Total Measure A Reimbursement*				\$34,853	

* Available Amount and Total Measure A Reimbursement amounts are 50% of the Measure A Expenditures.