

**Chico Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure E and
Measure K General Obligation Bonds**

Chico, California

FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS

June 30, 2022



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FINANCIAL AUDIT SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Chico Unified School District
Chico, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure E and Measure K Bond Building Fund (the Bonds) of Chico Unified School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bonds of the District as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America; and the *2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in note 1, the financial statements present only the Bonds and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District, as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the *2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

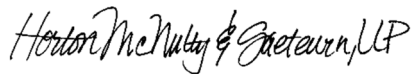
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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 6, 2023, on our consideration of the District'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 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as incorporated in the California Constitution, Article 13A, we have also issued our performance audit report dated March 6, 2023, on our consideration of the Bonds' compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39. That report is an integral part of the Bonds for the year ended June 30, 2022, and should be considered in assessing the results of our financial audit.



March 6, 2023
Chico, California

FINANCIAL SECTION

Chico Unified School District
Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds
BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2022	Measure E		Measure K		Total
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	33,730	\$	51,194,577	\$ 51,228,307
Accounts receivable		-		95,833	95,833
Prepaid expenses		500		750	1,250
TOTAL ASSETS					
	\$	34,230	\$	51,291,160	\$ 51,325,390
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$	-	\$	24,769	\$ 24,769
Fund Balance					
Restricted		34,230		51,266,391	51,300,621
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
	\$	34,230	\$	51,291,160	\$ 51,325,390

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Chico Unified School District**Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**

Year Ended June 30, 2022	Measure E	Measure K	Total
Revenues			
Other local revenue	\$ (2,143)	\$ (1,560,018)	\$ (1,562,161)
Expenditures			
Current:			
Plant services	83,247	531,291	614,538
Debt service:			
Issuance costs and discounts	-	328,525	328,525
Capital outlay	-	4,331,990	4,331,990
Total Expenditures	83,247	5,191,806	5,275,053
Deficiency of Revenues Over Expenditures	(85,390)	(6,751,824)	(6,837,214)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	74,575,000	74,575,000
Other uses - payment to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(22,391,475)	(22,391,475)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	52,183,525	52,183,525
Net Change in Fund Balance	(85,390)	45,431,701	45,346,311
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	119,620	5,834,690	5,954,310
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 34,230	\$ 51,266,391	\$ 51,300,621

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Chico Unified School District
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Chico Unified School District (the District) is governed by an elected five-member board. The District operates twelve elementary schools, three junior high schools, two high schools, one continuation school, one community school, one opportunity school, and two independent study schools in Chico, California. The District is the sponsoring local educational agency for nine charter schools. These financial statements present only the Measure E and Measure K Bond Building Fund (the Bonds). These financial statements do not include financial information of the remainder of the District's funds, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented with the financial statements of the District.

On November 6, 2012, \$78,000,000 in Measure E general obligation bonds were authorized by an election held within the District. A citizens' oversight committee was appointed in March 2013, to comply with the California Constitution and the *California Education Code*. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of bond proceeds. On May 30, 2013, bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000 were issued at a premium of \$1,765,340. The total proceeds from the bond issuance were received by the District and were to be used to improve student access to computers and modern technology, to repair or replace leaky roofs and plumbing systems, upgrade heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The District paid issuance costs totaling \$271,000 from the proceeds.

On August 28, 2018, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30,000,000 at a premium of \$1,895,533. The District paid \$230,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

On November 8, 2016, \$152,000,000 in Measure K general obligation bonds were authorized by an election held within the District. A citizens' oversight committee was appointed in February 2017, to comply with the California Constitution and the *California Education Code*. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of bond proceeds. On April 25, 2017, bonds in the amount of \$45,000,000 were issued at a premium of \$2,551,664. The total proceeds from the bond issuance were received by the District and were to be used to improve the quality of local public education by preventing overcrowding at elementary schools and providing safe schools through repairing or replacing leaky roofs and outdated electrical and plumbing systems, upgrading, modernizing and constructing classrooms and science labs, improving student access to technology and improving access for students with disabilities. The District paid issuance costs totaling \$278,700 from the proceeds.

On June 20, 2019, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$55,000,000 at a premium of \$3,785,024. The District paid \$310,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

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On August 17, 2021, the District refunded \$5,775,000 of the Election of 2012 General Obligation Refunding Bonds and \$15,000,000 of the Election of 2012 Series A general obligation bonds with the Series 2021 general obligation refunding bonds. Resources totaling \$22,391,475 were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt services payments of the refunded general obligation bonds. Principal and interest from the government securities have been deemed sufficient to retire the principal and interest on the \$22,439,587 outstanding balance of the refunded general obligation bonds.

This refunding was undertaken to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments of the refunded and refunding general obligation bonds) of \$3,682,069. As a result of the refunding, total debt service payments over the next 19 years will decrease by \$5,400,128.

On August 17, 2021, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$52,000,000 at a premium of \$7,943,347. The District paid \$301,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

The board of supervisors for Butte County are empowered and obligated to levy property taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount (except for certain property which is taxable at limited rates), for payment of principal and maturity value of, and interest on, the bonds.

The District accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's, *California School Accounting Manual*. The District's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP, and used by the District, are discussed below.

Basis of Presentation

Fund Financial Statements Fund financial statements are organized by funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the District or meets the following criteria:

Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10% of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and

Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

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The Measure E and Measure K Bond Building Fund is a major governmental fund, the Building Fund, of the District. The Building Fund is used to account for proceeds from the sale of bonds and expenditures for purposes authorized in the ballot measures.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus In the fund financial statements, governmental funds utilize a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

Basis of Accounting In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within one year. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all government funds. By state law, the District’s Governing Board must adopt a final budget no later than July 1. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District’s Governing Board satisfied these requirements.

These budgets are revised by the District’s Governing Board and the District’s Superintendent during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration was employed as a management control device during the year for all budgeted funds. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures legally cannot exceed appropriations by major object account.

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are combined with investments and displayed as cash and investments.

Highly liquid market investments with maturities of one year or less at time of purchase are stated at amortized cost. All other investments are stated at fair value. Market value is used as fair value for those securities for which market quotations are readily available.

In accordance with *California Education Code*, Section 41001, the District maintains substantially all cash in the Butte County Treasury (the County) as part of the common investment pool. The County is restricted by *California Government Code*, Section 53635 pursuant to Section 53601, to invest in time deposits, U.S. government securities, state registered warrants, notes, or bonds, State Treasurer's investment pool, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit, and repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements. Investments in the County pool are valued using the amortized cost method (which approximates fair value) and include accrued interest. The pool has deposits and investments with a weighted-average maturity of less than one year. As of June 30, 2022, the fair value of the County pool was 96.99% of the carrying value and is deemed to represent a material difference. Information regarding the amount of dollars invested in derivatives with the County was not available. The County investment pool is subject to regulatory oversight by the Treasury Oversight Committee, as required by *California Government Code*, Section 27130. The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in the external investment pool.

The calculation of realized gains is independent of the calculation of the net increase in the fair value of investments. Realized gains and losses on investments that had been held in more than one fiscal year and sold in the current year may have been recognized as an increase or decrease in the fair value of investments reported in the prior year. The net decrease in the fair value of investments during the year ended June 30, 2022, was \$1,749,073. This amount takes into account all changes in fair value (including purchases and sales) that occurred during the year. The unrealized loss on investments held at June 30, 2022, was \$1,706,785.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent amounts due from private persons, firms, or corporations based on contractual agreements or amounts billed, but not received, as of June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, no allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary.

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Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses consist of operating expenses for which payment is due in advance and are expensed when the benefit is received.

Bond Premiums

In the governmental funds, bond premiums are reported as an other financing source when the related liability is incurred.

Equity Classifications

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified and displayed in five components:

Nonspendable Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constraints that are externally imposed by groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or because of laws through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's Board of Trustees. The District's Board of Trustees is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions or budget adoption approved by the District's Board of Trustees.

Assigned Fund Balance: Consists of amounts that the District intends to use for specific purposes. Assignments may be established either by the District's Board of Trustees or a designee of the District's Board of Trustees.

Unassigned Fund Balance: Consists of the residual balance in the General Fund of the District that has not been assigned to other funds and that is not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the District's Board of Trustees has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

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Expenditures

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental funds – by character:
 Current (further classified by function)
 Debt service
 Capital outlay

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The following is a summary of cash and investments:

June 30, 2022	Maturities	Fair Value
Investments That Are Not Securities (1)		
County treasurer's investment pool	1.43 years average	\$ 51,228,307

(1) Investments That Are Not Securities A “security” is a transferable financial instrument that evidences ownership or creditorship, whether in physical or book-entry form. Investments that are not securities do not have custodial credit risk because they do not involve a transferable financial instrument. Thus, they are not categorized into custodial credit risk categories.

All cash and investments are restricted to expenditures for purposes authorized in the ballot measures.

Investment Credit Risk

California Government Code, Section 53601, limits investments in commercial paper to “prime” quality of the highest ranking, or of the highest letter and numerical rating as provided by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO), and limits investments in medium-term notes to a rating of A or better. The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit investment choices. The District’s investment in the County investment pool is unrated.

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Fair Value Measurements

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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; and level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2022:

- County treasurer's investment pool of \$51,228,307 is valued using quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active (level 2 inputs).

Concentration of Credit Risk – Investments

California Government Code, Section 53635, places the following concentration limits on the County investment pool:

No more than 40% may be invested in eligible commercial paper and no more than 10% may be invested in the outstanding commercial paper of any single issuer.

California Government Code, Section 53601, places the following concentration limits on the District's investments:

No more than 10% may be invested in the securities of any one issuer, except the obligations of the U.S. government, U.S. government agencies, and U.S. government-sponsored enterprises and where otherwise noted; no more than 10% may be invested in any one mutual fund; no more than 25% may be invested in commercial paper; no more than 40% may be invested in bankers' acceptances and no more than 30% may be invested in bankers' acceptances of any one commercial bank; no more than 30% may be invested in negotiable certificates of deposit; no more than 20% may be invested in reverse repurchase agreements; no more than 30% may be invested in medium-term notes; no more than 20% may be invested in mortgage passthrough and related securities; and no more than 30% may be invested in certain unsecured, unsubordinated obligations.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

June 30, 2022		
Interest	\$	95,833

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consisted of the following:

June 30, 2022		
Vendors	\$	24,769

5. FUND BALANCE COMPONENTS

Fund balance is composed of the following:

June 30, 2022		
Restricted		
Restricted for capital projects	\$	51,300,621

6. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMMITMENTS

Construction project commitments are as follows:

		Remaining Construction Commitment
June 30, 2022		
Beam Repairs: Chapman, Rosedale, and Sierra View	\$	86,458
PVHS CTE Round 6 (Engineering and manufacturing)		2,603,040
Total	\$	2,689,498

OTHER REPORT SECTION

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 Board of Trustees
Chico Unified School District
Chico, California

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the Measure E and Measure K Bond Building Fund of Chico Unified School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022; and the related notes to the financial statements; and have issued our report thereon dated March 6, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**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**

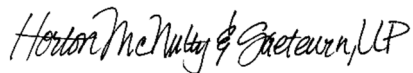
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Measure E and Measure K Bond Building Fund of the District 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*.

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



March 6, 2023
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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION

Chico Unified School District

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SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS

June 30, 2022

None.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

June 30, 2022

None.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

To the Board of Trustees
Chico Unified School District
Chico, California

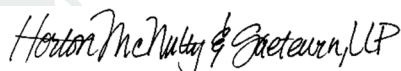
We have conducted a performance audit of the Chico Unified School District's (the District) Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds (the Bonds) for the year ended June 30, 2022.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, and the *2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting—Appendix A*, published by the Education Audit Appeals Panel. Those standards and the *2021-22 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting*, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed on page 23 of this report, which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements for the Bonds under the applicable provisions of Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 15264 and 15272–15286 of the *California Education Code* as they apply to the Bonds and the net proceeds thereof. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

Solely to assist us in planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the internal control of the District to determine if internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 15264 and 15272–15286 of the *California Education Code*. Accordingly, we do not express any assurance on internal control.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant aspects, the District expended the Bonds for the year ended June 30, 2022, only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees, as approved by the voters, in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as specified by Section 1(b)(3)(C) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 15264 and 15272–15286 of the *California Education Code*.



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Chico Unified School District
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PERFORMANCE AUDIT

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of our performance audit were to document the expenditures charged to the voter-approved Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds (the Bonds); determine whether expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, charged to the building fund, have been made in accordance with project budgets and guidelines; note any incongruities or system weaknesses; provide recommendations for improvements; and to provide the District's Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee with a performance audit as required under the California Constitution and Proposition 39.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

The scope of our performance audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The expenditures included all object and project codes associated with the Bonds' projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other state or local funding sources were not included within the scope of our audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2022, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On November 6, 2012, \$78,000,000 in Measure E general obligation bonds were authorized by an election held within the District. A citizens' oversight committee was appointed in March 2013, to comply with the California Constitution and the *California Education Code*. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of bond proceeds. On May 30, 2013, bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000 were issued at a premium of \$1,765,340. The total proceeds from the bond issuance were received by the District and were to be used to improve student access to computers and modern technology, to repair or replace leaky roofs and plumbing systems, upgrade heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The District paid issuance costs totaling \$271,000 from the proceeds.

On August 28, 2018, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30,000,000 at a premium of \$1,895,533. The District paid \$230,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

On November 8, 2016, \$152,000,000 in Measure K general obligation bonds were authorized by an election held within the District. A citizens' oversight committee was appointed in February 2017, to comply with the California Constitution and the *California Education Code*. The purpose of the committee is to inform the public, at least annually, regarding the appropriate use of bond proceeds. On April 25, 2017, bonds in the amount of \$45,000,000 were issued at a premium of \$2,551,664. The total proceeds from the bond issuance were received by the District and were to be used to improve the quality of local public education by preventing overcrowding at elementary schools and providing safe schools through repairing or replacing leaky roofs and outdated electrical and plumbing systems, upgrading, modernizing and constructing classrooms and science labs, improving student access to technology and improving access for students with disabilities. The District paid issuance costs totaling \$278,700 from the proceeds.

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On June 20, 2019, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$55,000,000 at a premium of \$3,785,024. The District paid \$310,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

On August 17, 2021, the District refunded \$5,775,000 of the Election of 2012 General Obligation Refunding Bonds and \$15,000,000 of the Election of 2012 Series A general obligation bonds with the Series 2021 general obligation refunding bonds. Resources totaling \$22,391,475 were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt services payments of the refunded general obligation bonds. Principal and interest from the government securities have been deemed sufficient to retire the principal and interest on the \$22,439,587 outstanding balance of the refunded general obligation bonds.

On August 17, 2021, the District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$52,000,000 at a premium of \$7,943,347. The District paid \$301,000 of issuance costs from the proceeds. Bond proceeds will be used for the projects noted above.

California Constitution, Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) requires an annual performance audit be conducted to ensure that funds have been expended only on the specific projects publicized by the District.

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AUDIT METHODOLOGY

The methodologies used in planning and performing the audit include:

- We interviewed District personnel to gain an understanding of the District's bidding and disbursement procedures.
- We reviewed policies and procedures and evaluated significant internal controls relevant to the audit objectives.
- We reviewed the District's bond project publicized list of intended projects.
- We compared total project expenditures to budgets to determine if there were any expenditures in excess of appropriation.
- We reviewed documentation, including the District's website, that the Measure E and Measure K Bond Oversight Committee reviewed project expenditures and issued reports on the results of its activities at least annually.
- We obtained the building fund general ledger and the project expenditure summary reports and detail prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Within the year audited, we obtained the actual invoices and other supporting documentation for a representative sample of expenditures to review compliance with Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds funding. We performed the following procedures:
 - We reviewed invoices for evidence of proper approval in accordance with District policy.
 - We reviewed supporting documentation to ensure that funds were properly expended on the specific projects as outlined in the publicized list. This includes that the funds were expended for the construction, renovation, furnishing, and equipping of school facilities on specified projects included in the Measure E and Measure K election documents.
 - We reviewed bid documentation to verify that bidding requirements were met, if applicable.
 - We verified that funding was not used for salaries or school administrators or other operating expenditures of the District.

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RESULTS OF PROCEDURES

The District utilized Measure E bond funds for 21 projects. The District incurred total expenditures of \$45,552,046 for the following projects:

Year Ended June 30, 2022	Budgets	Expenditures			Status
		Prior	Current	Total	
General Exp, FMP Revision & Phase 3 Planning	\$ 493,941	\$ 492,191	\$ 1,750	\$ 493,941	In progress
Measure E Master Plan	638,741	638,741	-	638,741	Completed
Canopy Replacement CJHS & Rosedale	248,277	248,277	-	248,277	Completed
CHS HVAC Replacement - Library	260,180	260,180	-	260,180	Completed
PV Athletic Facility Planning	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	Completed
CHS Athletic Facility Planning	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	Completed
ADA Phase 1 Corporation Yard	484,278	204,108	-	204,108	Completed
Safety & Security	2,390,380	2,308,883	81,497	2,390,380	In progress
Energy Efficiency LED house lights for CFA	3,391	3,391	-	3,391	Completed
Technology Infrastructure	2,574,000	2,291,961	-	2,291,961	Completed
MJHS MP Building Planning & Building	8,457,000	2,062,516	-	2,062,516	Completed
Junior High Programming	46,952	46,952	-	46,952	Completed
MJHS Site Drainage	418,719	418,719	-	418,719	Completed
BJHS Conversion/Modernization	5,740,500	4,471,863	-	4,471,863	Completed
Technology Infrastructure Phase II	2,704,733	1,471,143	-	1,471,143	Completed
Marigold Elementary Phase III	39,483,441	10,611,243	-	10,611,243	Completed
Shasta Elementary Phase III	19,113,482	3,422	-	3,422	Completed
Neal Dow Elementary Phase III	26,212,108	10,159,056	-	10,159,056	Completed
Loma Vista Elementary Phase III	16,521,159	7,435,022	-	7,435,022	Completed
Hooker Oak Shade Structure	56,000	56,312	-	56,312	Completed
Emma Wilson	5,680,353	2,084,819	-	2,084,819	Completed
Total	\$ 131,727,635	\$ 45,468,799	\$ 83,247	\$ 45,552,046	

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The District utilized Measure K bond funds for 26 projects. The District incurred total expenditures of \$101,101,196 for the following projects:

Year Ended June 30, 2022	Expenditures				Status
	Budgets	Prior	Current	Total	
General Exp, Bond Issuance	\$ 616,562	\$ 319,786	\$ 296,776	\$ 616,562	In progress
CHS Ag CTEFP	727,844	507,432	151,306	658,738	Completed
Measure K Project Management	22,500	4,451	-	4,451	Completed
Marigold Elementary Phase III	39,483,441	24,979,904	-	24,979,904	Completed
PVHS Stadium Athletic Master Plan Phase I	6,636,697	4,378,582	-	4,378,582	Completed
Shasta Elementary Phase III	19,113,482	6,990,410	-	6,990,410	Completed
Neal Dow Elementary Phase III	26,212,108	14,949,382	-	14,949,382	Completed
CHS Big Gym HVAC	909,443	781,623	-	781,623	Completed
Loma Vista Elementary Phase III	16,521,159	7,556,860	5,224	7,562,084	Completed
CHS Stadium Athletic Master Plan Phase I	6,920,817	6,920,817	-	6,920,817	Completed
PVHS Small Gym HVAC	502,390	480,840	-	480,840	Completed
Emma Wilson	5,680,353	3,585,449	-	3,585,449	Completed
PVHS Phase IV Project	23,021,092	11,283,376	478,683	11,762,059	In progress
Beam Repair - Elementary Sites	847,120	8,634	-	8,634	In progress
McManus Elementary Phase IV	40,894,167	90,540	1,668,714	1,759,254	In progress
PVHS CTE Round 6	9,400,288	1,208,928	1,683,008	2,891,936	In progress
<i>Charter Facilities Projects:</i>					
Charter General Expenses	340	340	-	340	In progress
Chico Country Day School	5,231,827	5,006,128	143,838	5,149,966	In progress
Nord Country School	1,194,012	1,166,015	337	1,166,352	In progress
Forest Ranch	771,699	704,880	31,359	736,239	In progress
Step Up Academy	109,346	109,345	-	109,345	Completed
Sherwood Montessori	1,007,297	776,972	218,419	995,391	In progress
Inspire School of the Arts and Sciences	3,377,561	1,726,583	282,900	2,009,483	In progress
Blue Oak	234,105	188,885	-	188,885	In progress
CORE Butte	2,259,003	1,860,618	231,242	2,091,860	In progress
Wildflower	557,834	322,610	-	322,610	In progress
Total	\$ 212,252,487	\$ 95,909,390	\$ 5,191,806	\$ 101,101,196	

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Each of the projects has been given a specific project identification number within the District's building fund. Budgets for each project are included in the financial reporting system, and actual expenditures are matched against this budget.

CONCLUSION

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the District has properly accounted for the expenditures of the Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds and that such expenditures were made only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees and approved by the voters. Further, it was noted that the funds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenditures. In addition, the results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the District complied with certain provisions of the *California Education Code* requirements for which the purpose of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is established. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with the specific requirements.

VIEW OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

District management has reviewed the submitted draft final report for the performance audit dated March 6, 2023, of the Proposition 39 and Measure E and Measure K General Obligation Bonds. District management agrees with the auditors' conclusion and has no comments.