



# BROWN ARMSTRONG

*Certified Public Accountants*

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara, California

We have audited Schedule of Grant Revenues and Expenditures, Schedule of Agreement to Actual Costs (Budget to Actual), Schedule of Eligible Project Costs by Funding Sources, and Schedule of Recommended Disallowed Costs (State Funds) of the County of Santa Barbara, California (the County), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Assembly Bill (AB) 900 North Branch Jail Construction Project, for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 16, 2015. 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 County are described in Note 1 to the financial schedules. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2015. We noted no transactions entered into by the County during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial schedules in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial schedules 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 schedules and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no sensitive estimates that affected the financial schedules, as listed above.

Certain financial schedules disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial schedules users. There were no sensitive disclosures to the financial schedules, as listed above.

The financial schedule 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 clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements were noted during our audit.

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*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 schedules 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 February 18, 2016.

*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 County's financial schedules or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those schedules, 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 County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Supervisors and management of the County and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Bakersfield, California  
February 18, 2016