TAHOE CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT Tahoe City, California **REPORT TO MANAGEMENT** FOR THE YEAR ENDED **DECEMBER 31, 2016**



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REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

July 5, 2017

To Management of Tahoe City Public Utility District Tahoe City, California

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Tahoe City Public Utility District (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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.

However, during our audit we became aware of two matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated July 5, 2017, on the financial statements of the District.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various District personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Sincerely,
Mani Jut ALCPAC

Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPAs & Associates, LLP

Tahoe City Public Utility District Communication of Control Deficiencies and Recommendations

IT User Access

During our review of internal controls over IT user access, we noted the following:

Employee access in the accounting software is set up by "Menu" rather than by "User." As a result, an employee who only needs access to view a particular module of the software is granted full access to that module, including the ability to write checks and to post or alter journal entries. This could potentially result in employees having full access to areas of the accounting system that are incompatible with their primary job duties. We recommend that the District reviews access by "User" to ensure each employee is only granted necessary access to the accounting software.

Management Response: In progress. District staff is working with the software vendor to correct the issue. This is expected during fiscal year 2017.

"Default" user access in the accounting software limits users to the ability to view journal entries in the accounting system without making changes. We noted that default users have the ability to drill down on payroll journal entries in the system, and view the entries for payroll deductions, which include employee names and amounts deducted from their paychecks. Because payroll can contain confidential data, we recommend that access to payroll related journal entries be limited to payroll department personnel only.

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Tahoe City Public Utility District Status of Prior Year Recommendations

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Payroll Testing

During our testing of internal controls over payroll, we noted that the District was missing 2 employee timecards from payroll period ending 6/5/2015, out of a total of 32 records tested for various pay dates during the year. We recommend that record retention protocol is followed carefully to ensure that appropriate documentation is retained for payroll transactions.

Status: Recommendation implemented. No current year finding noted.