



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Governing Board
Marin Emergency Radio Authority

We have examined the accompanying *Marin Emergency Radio Authority Schedule of Measure A Revenues Collected and Expenditures Paid for the year ended June 30, 2023*, with respect to compliance with the requirements of *Marin County Emergency Communications and 911 Response Measure* (Measure A), as follows:

- Measure A parcel tax proceeds were deposited to a special fund to be used solely for the *Next Generation System Project* (Section 3)
- Parcel taxes were assessed and collected in accordance with Measure A (Sections 4 and 6)

Management is responsible for Marin Emergency Radio Authority's (MERA) compliance with the provisions of Measure A. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about MERA's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether MERA complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether MERA complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on MERA's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, MERA complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Pleasant Hill, California
December 8, 2023

MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE OF
MEASURE A REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES PAID
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Measure A Resources	2016 Bond Proceeds Resources
REVENUE COLLECTED		
Parcel taxes	\$ 3,543,508	\$ -
Interest	168,982	606,438
	<u>3,712,490</u>	<u>606,438</u>
Total revenue collected		
EXPENDITURES PAID		
Next Gen System Project administrative and management services	166,607	-
Parcel tax administration	64,604	-
Legal and professional fees	18,530	-
Accounting and administrative support	30,361	-
Miscellaneous		-
Debt service 2016 Bonds	949,133	-
Direct cost of capital assets	9,265,656	-
	<u>10,494,891</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures paid		
Excess of expenditures paid over revenues collected	(6,782,401)	606,438
OTHER CHANGES		
Abatement of capital outlay expended from Measure A resources	3,499,490	(3,499,490)
Change in cash, cash equivalents, and investments	(3,282,911)	(2,893,052)
Cash, cash equivalents, and investments as of July 1, 2022	8,637,653	15,070,567
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Measure A cash, cash equivalents, and investments as of June 30, 2023	\$ 5,354,742	\$ 12,177,515
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Cash, cash equivalents and investments:		
Marin County Treasury	\$ 562,809	\$ -
U.S. Bank, Trustee under Indenture of Trust	4,791,933	-
U.S. Bank, Trustee under Indenture of Trust - Project Fund		12,177,515
	<u>\$ 5,354,742</u>	<u>\$ 12,177,515</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents, and investments		

See independent accountants' report and notes to schedule

**MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF
MEASURE A REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENDITURES PAID
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Note 1 – General:

Measure A was passed by the people of Marin County on November 4, 2014, authorized a parcel tax for 20 years to provide resources to replace an existing emergency communications system.

Note 2 – Revenues Collected:

Measure A revenues are considered to include Measure A parcel taxes as well as revenues received from the investment of those parcel taxes.

Note 3 – Expenditures Paid:

Section 3 of *Measure A* refers to the *Next Generation System Project*, which is not specifically defined in the Ordinance. Management understands *Next Generation System Project* in the context of the following statement in Section 1: “It is the sole purpose and intent of this ordinance to impose a special parcel tax for fire protection and prevention services and for police protection services, including but not limited to obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining a public safety and emergency radio communication system in cooperation with the Marin Emergency Radio Authority.” Accordingly, costs related to planning, building and operating the replacement radio system as well as costs incurred that were related to obtaining parcel tax revenue and other funding for the system are considered part of the *Next Generation System Project*.

Note 4 – Abatement of Capital Expenditures from Measure A Resources:

Until March 2021, MERA’s 2016 Bond proceeds were invested in a financial instrument that had certain administrative restrictions. Expenditures for capital outlay qualifying as Measure A expenditures were paid from Measure A resources. During fiscal year 2022-23, management reimbursed (abated) Measure A resources \$3,499,490 from Bond Proceeds.

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