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Board of Directors
Morongo Valley Community Services District
Morongo Valley, CA

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER - FYE JUNE 30, 2020

You have requested that we audit the governmental activities and each major fund of Morongo Valley Community Services District, as of June 30, 2020, and for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Morongo Valley Community Services District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board require that the included supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis

Auditors' Responsibilities

We will conduct our audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for California Special Districts. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements. If appropriate, our procedures will therefore include tests of documentary evidence that support the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of cash, investments, and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with creditors and financial institutions. As part of our audit process, we will request written representations from your attorneys, and they may bill you for responding. At the conclusion of our audit, we will also request certain written representations from you about the basic financial statements and related matters.



Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements (whether caused by errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws or governmental regulations) may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for California Special Districts.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements 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 entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the basic financial statements that we have identified during the audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Morongo Valley Community Services District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance, and we will not express such an opinion.

Management Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- b. For 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 error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
- c. To provide us with:
 - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
 - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- d. For including the auditor's report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been audited by the entity's auditor;
- e. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities; and
- f. For adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.
- g. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- h. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;



- i. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of Morongo Valley Community Services District’s basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of Morongo Valley Community Services District. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

Other Services

We will perform the annual Calculation of Appropriation Spending Limit, prepare and submit the Special Districts. Financial Transactions Report to the California State Controller's office, prepare the financial statements and related notes to the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles based on information provided by you. The other services are limited to the services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the nonattest services described above and any other nonattest services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter that you have evaluated the adequacy of our services and have reviewed and approved the results of the services and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonattest services by designating an individual with suitable skill, knowledge or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Fees and Timing

Kendra A. Dockham, CPA is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. Her responsibilities include supervising Smith Marion & Co.'s services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. We estimate that our fee for the audit will be as follows:

Audit	\$7,179
Financial Statement Preparation	1,000
State Controllers Report	<u>700</u>
Total Fees	<u>\$8,879</u>



We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use Morongo Valley Community Services District's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit.

Our fee is based on the anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that the accounting records are in satisfactory condition for the audit. We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of your key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that your personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. We anticipate that when the draft report is received that management will be diligent in their review of the document and submit revisions once the review is complete. If, for whatever reason, your personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner or more than one revision is made to the documents submitted to you for review, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate. Items that would cause additional time and an increase in fees would include, but not limited to, prior period audit adjustments not being posted and changes to the report after finalization. If we encounter unexpected circumstances, we will bring them to your attention immediately, to avoid any delays in completing the audit.

We request a retainer of 10% to be paid prior to the start of the audit. The retainer will be applied to the final invoice. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. **We require that a copy of the final trial balance (i.e., a trial balance ready to audit) be delivered to us at least 10 business days prior to the start of the audit,** otherwise we may reschedule the start of the audit.

Invoices will be payable upon presentation and will be submitted monthly during the course of the engagement. Any discrepancy regarding a billing must be communicated within 10 days from the date received; otherwise, it shall be considered correct and payable. Billings become delinquent if not paid within 60 days of the invoice date. Past due accounts or invoices will incur a late payment penalty, assessed at the rate of 1.5% (18% annually) of the delinquent account balance each month, not to exceed maximum as permitted by law.

Payments received on account will first be credited against any delinquency charges and then against the invoice balance. If billings are past due in excess of 60 days, we will stop work until your account is brought current, or withdraw from the engagement.

In an action or proceeding to enforce any provision of this agreement, to collect unpaid fees or secure a judgment for nonpayment of fees, the prevailing party will be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in that action or proceeding or in efforts to negotiate the matter. If this matter is referred to a collection agency, we shall be entitled to recover reasonable collection agency fees incurred in the matter.

It is our desire to make sure that our clients clearly understand the amount and manner in which we bill for our services. If you have any questions on our fees or billing policies, feel free to contact us.

Other Matters

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.



The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Smith Marion & Co., and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to regulators and federal agencies and the U.S. Government Accountability Office pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Smith Marion & Co.'s personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to these agencies and regulators. The regulators and agencies may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies..

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the Auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

Further, we will be available during the year to consult with you on financial management and accounting matters of a routine nature.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,

Kendra A. Dockham

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RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth our understanding of Morongo Valley Community Services District for the audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Morongo Valley Community Services District

Acknowledged and agreed on behalf of Morongo Valley Community Services District by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____