

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes X No

Identification of major program(s):

Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
<u>14.218</u>	<u>Community Development Block Grant – Entitlement Grants</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X Yes No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Our audit did not disclose any significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or instances of noncompliance material to the basic financial statements. We have also issued a separate Memorandum on Internal Control dated November 30, 2023, which is an integral part of our audits and should be read in conjunction with this report.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Our audit disclosed the following finding required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance:

Finding reference number: SA 2023-001
Assistance Listing Number: 14.218
Assistance Listing Title: Community Development Block Grant – Entitlement Grants
Name of Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Criteria: As required by 24 CFR Section 570.902 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations, A grantee is considered not in compliance if, 60 days prior to the end of its program year, the balance in the grantee's line of credit, plus the balance of program income on hand, is more than 1.5 times of the most recent entitlement grant.

Condition: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development San Francisco Regional Office reviewed Santa Clara's compliance with requirements for carrying out a CDBG Program in a timely manner and noticed the City of the following conditions:

- Prior to the next 60-day test to be conducted on May 2, 2024, it was calculated that the City's community has an adjusted line of credit balance of 3.07 times its annual grant.
- The last 60-day test conducted on May 2, 2023, indicated an adjusted line of credit balance of 2.38 times its annual grant.
- On May 2, 2022, the City had an adjusted line of credit balance of 1.90 times its annual grant.

Therefore, the Office notified the City that it is at risk of non-compliance with the 1.5 performance standard for the third consecutive year.

Effect: The City is at risk of not carrying out its CDBG program in a timely manner for the third consecutive year. The City's future CDBG grant may be reduced by the dollar amount by which the 1.5 timeliness expenditure standard was exceeded.

Cause: The City was aware of the situation and has been trying to accelerate CDBG spending but has been unable to catch up due to various delays related to six awarded capital projects. Delays were due to some applicants needing to secure lender approval before committing to the project, needing time for a consultant to determine if flood insurance is required, needing additional time to develop a new bid packet and CIP contract, a six-month delay to secure parts for elevator repairs, and insufficient staff capacity to push forward all six projects at once.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: We recommend that the City treat this finding as a high priority and address the incompliance accordingly to avoid potential future reduction of the CDBG grant funding.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Please see the Corrective Action Plan separately prepared by the City.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Identifying Number	Pass-Through To Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Direct Programs				
CDGB- Entitlement Grants Cluster				
Community Development Block Grant - Entitlement Grants Program expenditures	14.218		\$288,047	\$937,490
Home Investment Partnerships Program	14.239		565,885	604,344
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			853,932	1,541,834
U.S. Department of Justice Direct Programs				
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922			44,953
Total U.S. Department of Justice				44,953
U.S. Department of Transportation Pass-Through Programs From:				
Metropolitan Transportation Commission				
Highway Planning and Construction				
Priority Development Area Planning Grant	20.205	1812		529,409
Highway Safety Cluster				
State of California Office of Traffic Safety				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	402PT-22/402PS-23		19,154
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving				
While Intoxicated	20.608	164AL-22		4,364
Subtotal for Highway Safety Cluster:				23,518
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				552,927
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Direct Program:				
Federal Emergency Management Agency				
COVID-19 - Assistance to Firefighters Supplemental Grant	97.044			190,293
Pass-Through Programs From:				
California Task Force 3 Urban Search and Rescue				
National Urban Search and Rescue Response System	97.025	CA-TF3		48,539
County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services				
2019 Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	2019-003 / 085-00000		34,734
County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Services				
Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	97.067	SHSGP		444,307
Subtotal for pass-through programs:				527,580
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				717,873
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$853,932	\$2,857,587

See Accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes expenditures of federal awards for the City of Santa Clara, California, and its component units as disclosed in the notes to the Basic Financial Statements, except for federal awards of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority (Stadium Authority). Federal awards expended by the Stadium Authority, if any, are excluded from the Schedule and are subject to a separate Single Audit performed by other auditors.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting refers to *when* revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. The proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Expenditures of Federal Awards reported on the Schedule are recognized when incurred.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST ELECTION

The City has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Santa Clara, California

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Santa Clara as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2023.

Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the City of Santa Clara Stadium Authority for the year ended March 31, 2023 and a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements the Northern California Power Agency, Transmission Agency of Northern California and San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility and Clean Water Financing Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, related to the calculation of the Investments in Joint Ventures, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. This report includes our consideration of the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those other auditors. However, this report, insofar as it relates to the results of the other auditors, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. Our report also included an emphasis of a matter paragraph disclosing the implementation of new accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements 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 and those of the other auditors disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We have also issued a separate Memorandum on Internal Control dated November 30, 2023, which is an integral part of our audit and should be read in conjunction with this report.

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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Maze & Associates". The script is cursive and fluid, with the ampersand being particularly stylized.

Pleasant Hill, California
November 30, 2023

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE;
AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Santa Clara, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited City of Santa Clara's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

The City of Santa Clara's basic financial statements include the operations of the Santa Clara Stadium Authority (Stadium Authority), which is not included in the Schedule during the year ended June 30, 2023. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Stadium Authority, because the Stadium Authority engaged other auditors.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. 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 Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item SA 2023-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The City's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining funds information of the City as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2023, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the City of Santa Clara Stadium Authority for the year ended March 31, 2023 and a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements the Northern California Power Agency, Transmission Agency of Northern California and San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility and Clean Water Financing Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, related to the calculation of the Investments in Joint Ventures, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. Our report, in so far as it relates to the results of the other auditors, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Pleasant Hill, California
February 1, 2024