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June 30, 2021

# Desert Community College District

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# Desert Community College District



## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee  
Desert Community College District  
Palm Desert, California

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Desert Community College District's (the District) Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund of the District as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the General Obligation Bond Fund specific to Measure CC are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2022, on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Rancho Cucamonga, California  
February 28, 2022

Desert Community College District  
Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2021

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Assets	
Investments	\$ 49,652,859
Accounts receivable	36,208
Prepaid expenditures	<u>236,408</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 49,925,475</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 748,773</u>
Fund Balance	
Restricted for capital projects	<u>49,176,702</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 49,925,475</u></u>

Desert Community College District  
 Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
 Year Ended June 30, 2021

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Revenues		
Investment income		\$ 176,299
Expenditures		
Supplies and materials		4,614
Services and operating expenditures		4,867,576
Capital outlay		6,768,747
Total expenditures		11,640,937
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures		(11,464,638)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Transfers out		(185,934)
Other sources - proceeds from bond issuance		60,108,137
Total other financing sources (uses)		59,922,203
Net Change in Fund Balance		48,457,565
Fund Balance, Beginning		719,137
Fund Balance, Ending		\$ 49,176,702

## **Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies of Desert Community College District's (the District) Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The District's Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund accounts for the financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the California Community Colleges *Budget and Accounting Manual*.

### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The financial statements include only the General Obligation Bond Fund of the District used to account for Measure CC projects. This Fund was established to account for the receipt of proceeds of general obligation bond issuances and the expenditures of the proceeds under the General Obligation Bond Election of November 2016. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and the changes in financial position of the District in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund are accounted for in a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in the fund based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

### **Basis of Accounting**

The Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (revenues and other financing sources) and uses (expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all governmental funds. The District's Board of Trustees adopts an operating budget in accordance with State law. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The District's Board of Trustees satisfied these requirements. The Board revises this budget during the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenues and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption. The District employs budget control by minor object and by individual appropriation accounts. Expenditures cannot legally exceed appropriations by major object account.



### **Encumbrances**

The District utilizes an encumbrance accounting system under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Encumbrances are liquidated when the commitments are paid, and all outstanding encumbrances lapse at June 30.

### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and those differences could be material.

### **Fund Balance**

As of June 30, 2021, the fund balance is classified as follows:

**Restricted** - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

## **Note 2 - Investments**

### **Policies and Practices**

The District is authorized under California *Government Code* to make direct investments in local agency bonds, notes, or warrants within the State; U.S. Treasury instruments; registered State warrants or treasury notes; securities of the U.S. Government, or its agencies; bankers acceptances; commercial paper; certificates of deposit placed with commercial banks and/or savings and loan companies; repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements; medium term corporate notes; shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies, certificates of participation, obligations with first priority security; and collateralized mortgage obligations.

**Investment in County Treasury**

In accordance with the *Budget and Accounting Manual*, the District maintains substantially all of its cash in the County Treasury as part of the common investment pool. The District is considered to be an involuntary participant in an external investment pool. The fair value of the District’s investment in the pool is reported in the accompanying financial statements at amounts based upon the District’s pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

**General Authorizations**

Limitations as they relate to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

Authorized Investment Type	Maximum Remaining Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Portfolio	Maximum Investment in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
Registered State Bonds, Notes, Warrants	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptance	180 days	40%	30%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base	None
Medium-Term Corporate Notes	5 years	30%	None
Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	N/A	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	N/A	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	N/A	None	None
Joint Powers Authority Pools	N/A	None	None

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District manages its exposure to interest rate risk by investing in the Riverside County Investment Pool. The District maintains a Measure CC General Obligations Bond Fund investment of \$49,652,859 with the Riverside County Investment Pool, with an average maturity of 1.15 years.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District's Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund investment in the Riverside County Investment Pool was rated Aaa-bf by Moody's Investors Services.

**Note 3 - Accounts Receivable**

Receivables at June 30, 2021, consist of the following:

Interest income	<u>\$ 36,208</u>
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**Note 4 - Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable at June 30, 2021, consist of the following:

Capital outlay	<u>\$ 748,773</u>
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**Note 5 - Commitments and Contingencies**

**Construction Commitments**

As of June 30, 2021, the District's Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund had approximately \$13.4 million in commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects.

**Litigation**

The District is involved in various litigation arising from the normal course of business. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, the disposition of all litigation pending is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund at June 30, 2021.



Independent Auditor's Report  
June 30, 2021

# Desert Community College District



**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***

Board of Trustees and Citizens’ Oversight Committee  
Desert Community College District  
Palm Desert, 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 Desert Community College District’s (the District) Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2022.

**Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the General Obligation Bond Fund specific to Measure CC are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District’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 District’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’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 District’s Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund 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 did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund 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 testing disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eide Sully LLP".

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
February 28, 2022

None reported.



Desert Community College District  
Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
June 30, 2021

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There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.



Performance Audit  
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# Desert Community College District



## Independent Auditor's Report on Performance

Board of Trustees and Citizens' Oversight Committee  
Desert Community College District  
Palm Desert, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of Desert Community College District's (the District) Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed within the report which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

In planning and performing our performance audit, we obtained an understanding of the District's internal control in order to determine if the internal controls were adequate to help ensure the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The results of our tests indicated that the District expended Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund funds only for the specific projects approved by the voters, in accordance with Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.

*Eide Bailly LLP*

Rancho Cucamonga, California  
February 28, 2022

### **Authority for Issuance**

The Measure CC General Obligation Bonds (the Bonds) were issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of California (the State), including the provisions of Chapter 1 and 1.5 of Part 10 of the California *Education Code*, other applicable provisions of law and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on May 18, 2018 (the Resolution).

At an election held on November 8, 2016, the District received authorization under Measure CC to issue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$577,860,000 to modernize career training facilities for nursing, public safety, science, technology, engineering and other in-demand jobs that prepare students for success in college/careers; repair/construct/acquire classrooms, facilities, sites and equipment throughout Coachella Valley; improve the Veteran's Center to provide counseling/training/job placement for returning veterans (collectively, the 2016 Authorization). Measure CC required approval by at least 55% of the votes cast by eligible voters within the District and received an approval vote of approximately 70.86% in Riverside County and 70.06% in Imperial County.

The Series 2018 Bonds represent the first series of authorized bonds to be issued under the 2016 Authorization and will be issued to (i) finance specific acquisition and construction costs approved by the voters of the District, and (ii) pay costs of delivery with respect to the Series 2018 Bonds.

The Series 2020 Bonds represent the second series of authorized bonds to be issued under the 2016 Authorization and will be issued to (i) finance specific construction and improvement costs approved by the voters of the District, and (ii) pay costs of delivery with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds.

### **Purpose of Issuance**

Pursuant to the 2016 Authorization, the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance the repair, renovation, and construction of facilities noted on a specific Project List for facilities of the District. The bond project list includes:

- Modernize, upgrade, renovate, rehabilitate, re-configure, repair, replace, restore, expand and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, labs, career training facilities, career placement centers/facilities, and veterans support services.
- Construct new campus buildings, including classrooms/classroom buildings, labs, library, performing arts and film facilities.
- Construct, improve, reconfigure, expand, and/or install sidewalks, parking areas and related areas.
- Construct/install outdoor learning areas, including shade/rain structures, sitting areas, fencing and landscaping.
- Acquire, install, upgrade and/or construct renewable energy and/or energy saving systems, improvements and equipment.
- Upgrade, expand, acquire and/or install technology equipment, fixtures, and infrastructure.
- The inspection and analysis of grounds, buildings, fixtures and structures.

- Removal of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead paint as needed.
- Construction and/or installation of access improvements for disabled persons, as required by state and federal law.

### **Authority for the Audit**

On November 7, 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools, and Financial Accountability Act. Proposition 39 amended portions of the California Constitution to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds by school districts, community college districts, or county offices of education, “for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of rental property for school facilities”, upon approval by 55% of the electorate. In addition to reducing the approval threshold from two-thirds to 55%, Proposition 39 and the enacting legislation (AB 1908 and AB 2659) requires the following accountability measures as codified in *Education Code* Sections 15278-15282:

1. Requires that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other district operating expenses.
2. The district must list the specific school facilities projects to be funded in the ballot measure, and must certify that the governing board has evaluated safety, and information technology needs in developing the project list.
3. Requires the district to appoint a citizens’ oversight committee.
4. Requires the district to conduct an annual independent financial audit and performance audit in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of the bond proceeds until all of the proceeds have been expended.
5. Requires the district to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

### **Objectives of the Audit**

1. Determine whether expenditures charged to the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund have been made in accordance with the bond project list approved by the voters through the approval of the Measure CC.
2. Determine whether salary transactions, if any, charged to the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund were in support of Measure CC and not for District general administration or operations.

## Scope of the Audit

The scope of our performance audit covered the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The population of expenditures tested included all object and project codes associated with the bond projects. The propriety of expenditures for capital projects and maintenance projects funded through other State or local funding sources, other than proceeds of the bonds, were not included within the scope of the audit. Expenditures incurred subsequent to June 30, 2021, were not reviewed or included within the scope of our audit or in this report.

## Methodology

We obtained the general ledger and the project expenditure reports prepared by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, for the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund. Within the fiscal year audited, we obtained the actual invoices, purchase orders, and other supporting documentation for a sample of expenditures to ensure compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Measure CC as to the approved bond projects list. We performed the following procedures:

1. We identified expenditures and projects charged to the general obligation bond proceeds by obtaining the general ledger and project listing.
2. We selected a sample of expenditures using the following criteria:
  - a. We considered all expenditures recorded in all object codes, including transfers out.
  - b. We considered all expenditures recorded in all projects that were funded from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 from Measure CC bond proceeds.
  - c. We selected a sample of expenditures using professional judgement, based on risk assessment and consideration of coverage of all object codes, including transfers out, and projects for the period starting July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.
3. Our sample included transactions totaling \$9,671,327. This represents 82% of the total expenditures of \$11,826,871, including transfers out.
4. We reviewed the actual invoices and other supporting documentation to determine that:
  - a. Expenditures were supported by invoices with evidence of proper approval and documentation of receipting goods or services.
  - b. Expenditures were supported by proper bid documentation, as applicable.
  - c. Expenditures were expended in accordance with voter-approved bond project list.
  - d. Bond proceeds were not used for salaries of administrators or other operating expenditures of the District.
5. We determined that the District has met the compliance requirements of Measure CC if the following conditions were met:
  - a. Supporting documents for expenditures were aligned with the voter-approved bond projects list.
  - b. Expenditures were not used for salaries of administrators or other operating expenditures of the District.

**Conclusion**

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the District has properly accounted for the expenditures held in the Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund and that such expenditures were made for authorized Bond projects.

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Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
June 30, 2021

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None reported.



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Measure CC General Obligation Bond Fund  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
June 30, 2021

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There were no audit findings reported in the prior year's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.