

March 29, 2021

Mr. Shariq Khan
Chief Business Officer
Alameda Unified School District
2060 Challenger Drive
Alameda, CA 94501

Re: Audit and Nonattest Services

Dear Mr. Khan:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide services to Alameda Unified School District. This engagement letter ("Engagement Letter") and the attached Professional Services Agreement, which is incorporated by this reference, confirm our acceptance and understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement, and limitations of the services that Moss Adams LLP ("Moss Adams," "we," "us," and "our") will provide to Alameda Unified School District ("you," "your," "District," and "Government").

Scope of Services – Audit

You have requested that we audit the District's financial statements, which comprise the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2021. We will also report on whether the following presented are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole:

- Schedule of expenditures of federal awards
- Schedule of average daily attendance (ADA)
- Schedule of instructional time
- Reconciliation of annual financial and budget report with audited financial statements
- Schedule of charter schools
- Combining balance sheet – non-major governmental funds
- Combining statement of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balances – non-major governmental funds

The supplementary information will also include the Local Education Agency Organization Structure and Schedule of Trends and Analysis that will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements, and for which our auditor's report will disclaim an opinion.

Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information ("RSI"), such as management's discussion and analysis, to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the 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 District's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. We will not express an opinion or provide assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide assurance. The following RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- General Fund - Budgetary Comparison Schedule
- Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
- Schedule of the District 's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – CalSTRS
- Schedule of the District 's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – CalPERS
- Schedule of the District's Contributions – CalSTRS
- Schedule of the District's Contributions – CalPERS

Scope of Services and Limitations – Nonattest

We will provide the District with the following nonattest services:

- 1) Assist you in drafting the basic financial statements and related footnotes as of and for the year ending June 30, 2021.
- 2) Assist you in preparing the data collection form.

Our professional standards require that we remain independent with respect to our attest clients, including those situations where we also provide nonattest services such as those identified in the preceding paragraphs. As a result, District management must accept the responsibilities set forth below related to this engagement:

- Assume all management responsibilities.
- Oversee the service by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to oversee our nonattest services. The individual is not required to possess the expertise to perform or reperform the services.
- Evaluate the adequacy and results of the nonattest services performed.
- Accept responsibility for the results of the nonattest services performed.

It is our understanding that you have been designated by the District to oversee the nonattest services and that in the opinion of the District you are qualified to oversee our nonattest services as outlined above. If any issues or concerns in this area arise during the course of our engagement, we will discuss them with you prior to continuing with the engagement.

Timing

Arthur Ngo is responsible for supervising the engagement and authorizing the signing of the report. We expect to begin our audit in April 2021, complete fieldwork in October 2021, and issue our report no later than December 15, 2021. As we reach the conclusion of the audit, we will coordinate with you the date the audited financial statements will be available for issuance. You understand that (1) you will be required to consider subsequent events through the date the financial statements are available for issuance, (2) you will disclose in the notes to the financial statements the date through which subsequent events have been considered, and (3) the subsequent event date disclosed in the footnotes will not be earlier than the date of the management representation letter and the date of the report of independent auditors.

Our scheduling depends on your completion of the year-end closing and adjusting process prior to our arrival to begin the fieldwork. We may experience delays in completing our services due to your staff's unavailability or delays in your closing and adjusting process. You understand our fees are subject to adjustment if we experience these delays in completing our services.

Fees***Agreed-Upon Payment Schedule***

We have agreed to the following payment schedule for the services based on a total fee of \$56,000.

Month Due	Amount
April 2021	\$ 22,900
October 2021	27,500
Final 10% upon State Controller's approval of report	5,600
Total	\$ 56,000

Our ability to provide services in accordance with our estimated fees depends on the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of the District's records, and, for example, the number of general ledger adjustments required as a result of our work. To assist you in this process, we will provide you with a Client Audit Preparation Schedule that identifies the key work you will need to perform in preparation for the audit. We will also need your accounting staff to be readily available during the engagement to respond in a timely manner to our requests. Lack of preparation, poor records, general ledger adjustments, and/or untimely assistance will result in an increase of our fees.

Reporting

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Education of the District. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the

engagement. Our services will be concluded upon delivery to you of our report on your financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2021.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the auditor section of the Data Collection Form and electronically sign the Data Collection Form that summarizes our findings. We will provide electronic copies of our reports to you; however, it is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan, as applicable) along with the Data Collection Form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period. At the conclusion of the engagement, we will make arrangements with management regarding Data Collection Form submission procedures.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as set forth in this Agreement, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to us with the Professional Services Agreement.

Very truly yours,



Arthur Ngo, Senior Manager for
Moss Adams LLP


Enclosures

Accepted and Agreed:

This Engagement Letter and the attached Professional Services Agreement set forth the entire understanding of Alameda Unified School District with respect to this engagement and the services to be provided by Moss Adams LLP:

MOSS ADAMS LLP

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Signature

Arthur Ngo

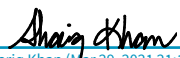
Print Name

Senior Manager

Title

March 29, 2021

Date



Signature

Shariq Khan

Print Name

Chief Business Officer

Title

03/29/2021

Date

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Single Audit Version (Uniform Guidance)

This Professional Services Agreement (the "PSA") together with the Engagement Letter, which is hereby incorporated by reference, represent the entire agreement (the "Agreement") relating to services that Moss Adams will provide to the District. Any undefined terms in this PSA shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Engagement Letter.

Objectives of the Audit

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements and supplementary information. The objective also includes reporting on the following:

- Compliance on state laws and regulations and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with state laws, regulations based on the requirements of the State of California's *Standards and Procedures of Audits of California K-12 Local Education Agencies*.
- Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Internal control related to major federal programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the audit requirements contained in OMB Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

The reports on internal control and compliance will each include a statement that the purpose of the report is solely to: describe the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance; describe the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major federal programs and major federal program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on compliance but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance; that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the OMB Uniform Guidance in considering internal control over compliance and major federal program compliance; and, accordingly, it is not suitable for any other purpose.

The report on compliance with state laws and regulations will report the scope of our testing based on the requirements of the State of California's *Standards and Procedures of Audits of California K-12 Local Education Agencies*, and, accordingly, it is not suitable for any other purpose.

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS); the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the audit provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance. It will include tests of your accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with the OMB Uniform Guidance, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express opinions and to render the required reports. If our opinion on the financial statements or the Single Audit compliance opinion is 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 an opinion we may decline to express an opinion or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

Procedures and Limitations

Our procedures may include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of certain receivables and certain other assets, liabilities and transaction details by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We may also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. The supplementary information will be subject to certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from management about the financial statements and supplementary information and related matters. Management's failure to provide representations to our satisfaction will preclude us from issuing our report.

An audit includes examining evidence, on a test basis, supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. Also, we will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Such material misstatements may include errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or noncompliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity that

may have a direct financial statement impact. Pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*, we will not provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse. As required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the audit provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance, our audit will include tests of transactions related to major federal award programs for compliance with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk exists that some material misstatements and noncompliance may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the OMB Uniform Guidance. An audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or noncompliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or noncompliance with the provisions of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and condition of federal awards that do not have a direct and material effect on major federal programs. However, we will inform you of any material errors, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, and noncompliance with the provisions of laws, federal statutes, regulations, contracts grant agreements and federal awards that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any time period for which we are not engaged as auditors.

We may assist management in the preparation of the District's financial statements and supplementary information. Regardless of any assistance we may render, all information included in the financial statements and supplementary information remains the representation of management. We may issue a preliminary draft of the financial statements and supplementary information to you for your review. Any preliminary draft financial statements and supplementary information should not be relied upon, reproduced or otherwise distributed without the written permission of Moss Adams.

Procedures and Limitations—Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit, we will consider the internal control sufficient to plan the audit in order to determine the nature, timing, and extent of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the District's financial statements and on its compliance with requirements applicable to major federal programs.

We will obtain an understanding of the design of the relevant controls and whether they have been placed in operation, and we will assess control risk. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from noncompliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grant agreements and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control and accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*. However, if, during the audit, we become aware of any matters involving internal control or its operation that we consider to be significant deficiencies under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, we will communicate them in writing to management and those charged with governance. We will also identify if we consider any significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, to be a material weakness.

As required by the audit provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the OMB Uniform Guidance.

Procedures and Limitations—Compliance

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with the standards referred to in the section titled "Objectives of the Audit." As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that may have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The audit provisions of the *Standards and Procedures of Audits of California K-12 Local Education Agencies* (Audit Guide) require that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable state laws and regulations outlined in the Audit Guide. Our procedures will consist of the applicable procedures described in the Audit Guide for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the District's compliance with state laws and regulations. The purpose of those procedures will be to express an

opinion on the District's compliance with applicable state laws and regulations listed in the Audit Guide based on our audit of the applicable types of compliance requirements referred to in the Audit Guide.

The audit provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance require that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program. Our procedures will consist of the applicable procedures described in the OMB Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of your major federal programs. The purpose of those procedures will be to express an opinion on the District's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the OMB Uniform Guidance.

Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements, Internal Control, and Federal Award Compliance

As a condition of our engagement, management acknowledges and understands that management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We may advise management about appropriate accounting principles and their application and may assist in the preparation of your financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, but management remains responsible for the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Management also acknowledges and understands that management is responsible 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 or fraud. This responsibility includes the maintenance of adequate records, the selection and application of accounting principles, and the safeguarding of assets.

You are responsible for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the District involving: (a) management, (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (c) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. You are responsible for informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, management is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the District complies with applicable laws and regulations and for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud or noncompliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contract, and grant agreements, that we may report.

Management is responsible for adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and for 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 latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards and for identifying and ensuring that the District complies with such provisions. Management is also responsible for informing us of any significant contractor relationships in which the contractor is responsible for program compliance. Management is also responsible for addressing the audit findings and recommendations, establishing and maintaining a process to track the status of such findings and recommendations, and taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy any fraud and noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards or abuse that we may report. Additionally, as required by the OMB Uniform Guidance, it is your responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan.

Management is responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. Management agrees that as a condition of our engagement, management will provide us with:

- 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;
- additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit; and
- unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Management's Responsibility for Supplementary Information

Management is responsible for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria. Management agrees to include the auditor's report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information. Management is responsible 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 the entity of the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon. For purposes of this Agreement, audited financial statements are deemed to be readily available if a third party user can obtain the audited financial statements without any further action by management. For example, financial statements on your Web site may be considered readily available, but being available upon request is not considered readily available.

Dissemination of Financial Statements and Reports

We will provide copies of our reports to the District; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Our report on the financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of our engagement. You may make copies of our report, but only if the entire financial statements (including related footnotes and supplementary information, as appropriate) are reproduced and distributed with our report. You agree not to reproduce or associate our report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of this engagement.

Offering of Securities

This Agreement does not contemplate Moss Adams providing any services in connection with the offering of securities, whether registered or exempt from registration, and Moss Adams will charge additional fees to provide any such services. You agree not to incorporate or reference our report in a private placement or other offering of your equity or debt securities without our express written permission. You further agree we are under no obligation to reissue our report or provide written permission for the use of our report at a later date in connection with an offering of securities, the issuance of debt instruments, or for any other circumstance. We will determine, at our sole discretion, whether we will reissue our report or provide written permission for the use of our report only after we have conducted any procedures we deem necessary in the circumstances. You agree to provide us with adequate time to review documents where (a) our report is requested to be reissued, (b) our report is included in the offering document or referred to therein, or (c) reference to our firm is expected to be made. If we decide to reissue our report or provide written permission to the use of our report, you agree that Moss Adams will be included on each distribution of draft offering materials and we will receive a complete set of final documents. If we decide not to reissue our report or withhold our written permission to use our report, you may be required to engage another firm to audit periods covered by our audit reports, and that firm will likely bill you for its services. While the successor auditor may request access to our engagement documentation for those periods, we are under no obligation to permit such access.

Changes in Professional or Accounting Standards

To the extent that future federal, state, or professional rule-making activities require modification of our audit approach, procedures, scope of work, etc., we will advise you of such changes and the impact on our fee estimate. If we are unable to agree on the additional fees, if any, that may be required to implement any new accounting and auditing standards that are required to be adopted and applied as part of our engagement, we may terminate this Agreement as provided herein, regardless of the stage of completion.

Representations of Management

During the course of our engagement, we may request information and explanations from management regarding, among other matters, the District's operations, internal control, future plans, specific transactions, and accounting systems and procedures. At the conclusion of our engagement, we will require, as a precondition to the issuance of our report, that management provide us with a written representation letter confirming some or all of the representations made during the engagement. The procedures that we will perform in our engagement will be heavily influenced by the representations that we receive from management. Accordingly, false representations could cause us to expend unnecessary efforts or could cause a material error or fraud to go undetected by our procedures. In view of the foregoing, you agree that we will not be responsible for any misstatements in the District's financial statements and supplementary information that we fail to detect as a result of false or misleading representations, whether oral or written, that are made to us by the District's management. While we may assist management in the preparation of the representation letter, it is management's responsibility to carefully review and understand the representations made therein.

In addition, because our failure to detect material misstatements could cause others relying upon our audit report to incur damages, the District further agrees to indemnify and hold us harmless from any liability and all costs (including legal fees) that we may incur in connection with claims based upon our failure to detect material misstatements in the District's financial statements and supplementary information resulting in whole or in part from knowingly false or misleading representations made to us by any member of the District's management.

Fees and Expenses

The District acknowledges that the following circumstances will result in an increase of our fees:

- Failure to prepare for the audit as evidenced by accounts and records that have not been subject to normal year-end closing and reconciliation procedures;
- Failure to complete the audit preparation work by the applicable due dates;
- Significant unanticipated transactions, audit issues, or other such circumstances;
- Delays causing scheduling changes or disruption of fieldwork;
- After audit or post fieldwork circumstances requiring revisions to work previously completed or delays in resolution of issues that extend the period of time necessary to complete the audit;
- Issues with the prior audit firm, prior year account balances or report disclosures that impact the current year engagement; and
- An excessive number of audit adjustments.

We will endeavor to advise you in the event these circumstances occur, however we may be unable to determine the impact on the estimated fee until the conclusion of the engagement. We will bill any additional amounts based on the experience of the individuals involved and the amount of work performed.

Billings are due upon presentation and become delinquent if not paid within 45 days of the invoice date. Any past due fee under this Agreement shall bear interest at the highest rate allowed by law on any unpaid balance. In addition to fees, you may be billed for expenses and any applicable sales and gross receipts tax. Direct expenses may be charged based on out-of-pocket expenditures, per diem allotments, and mileage reimbursements, depending on the nature of the expense. Indirect expenses, such as processing time and technology expenses, may be passed through at our estimated cost and may be billed as a flat charge or a percentage of fees. If we elect to suspend our engagement for nonpayment, we may not resume our work until the account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our work. You will be obligated to compensate us for fees earned for services rendered and to reimburse us for expenses. You acknowledge and agree that in the event we stop work or terminate this Agreement as a result of your failure to pay on a timely basis for services rendered by Moss Adams as provided in this Agreement, or if we terminate this Agreement for any other reason, we shall not be liable to you for any damages that occur as a result of our ceasing to render services.

Limitation on Liability

IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES IN CONNECTION WITH OR OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE FOR EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT.

District shall be provided Certificate of Insurance showing Moss Adams policies for general liability, professional liability and worker's compensation as services will be routinely administered on District property.

Subpoena or Other Release of Documents

As a result of our services to you, we may be required or requested to provide information or documents to you or a third-party in connection with governmental regulations or activities, or a legal, arbitration or administrative proceeding (including a grand jury investigation), in which we are not a party. You may, within the time permitted for our firm to respond to any request, initiate such legal action as you deem appropriate to protect information from discovery. If you take no action within the time permitted for us to respond or if your action does not result in a judicial order protecting us from supplying requested information, we will construe your inaction or failure as consent to comply with the request. Our efforts in complying with such requests or demands will be deemed a part of this engagement and we shall be entitled to additional compensation for our time and reimbursement for our out-of-pocket expenditures (including legal fees) in complying with such request or demand.

Pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain engagement documentation available to an applicable entity with oversight responsibilities for the audit or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such engagement documentation will be provided under the supervision of Moss Adams personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide photocopies of selected engagement documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the photocopies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Document Retention Policy

At the conclusion of this engagement, we will return to you all original records you supplied to us. Your District records are the primary records for your operations and comprise the backup and support for the results of this engagement. Our records and files, including our engagement documentation whether kept on paper or electronic media, are our property and are not a substitute for your own records. Our firm policy calls for us to destroy our engagement files and all pertinent engagement documentation after a retention period of seven years (or longer, if required by law or regulation), after which time these items will no longer be available. We are under no obligation to notify you regarding the destruction of our records. We reserve the right to modify the retention period without notifying you. Catastrophic events or physical deterioration may result in our firm's records being unavailable before the expiration of the above retention period.

Except as set forth above, you agree that Moss Adams may destroy paper originals and copies of any documents, including, without limitation, correspondence, agreements, and representation letters, and retain only digital images thereof.

Use of Electronic Communication

In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may communicate by facsimile transmission or send electronic mail over the Internet. Such communications may include information that is confidential. We employ measures in the use of electronic communications designed to provide reasonable assurance that data security is maintained. While we will use our best efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent. Unless you issue specific instructions to do otherwise, we will assume you consent to our use of electronic communications to your representatives and other use of these electronic devices during the term of this Agreement as we deem appropriate.

Use of Third-Party Service Providers

We may use third-party service providers in serving you. In such circumstances, if we need to share confidential information with these service providers, we will require that they maintain the confidentiality of your information.

Enforceability

In the event that any portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, said finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of this Agreement.

Entire Agreement

This Professional Services Agreement and Engagement Letter constitute the entire agreement and understanding between Moss Adams and the District. The District agrees that in entering into this Agreement it is not relying and has not relied upon any oral or other representations, promise or statement made by anyone which is not set forth herein.

In the event the parties fail to enter into a new Agreement for each subsequent calendar year in which Moss Adams provides services to the District, the terms and conditions of this PSA shall continue in force until such time as the parties execute a new written Agreement or terminate their relationship, whichever occurs first.

Agreement Contingent on Governing Board Approval

The District shall not be bound by the terms of this Agreement until it has been formally approved or ratified by the District's Governing Board, and/or Executive Cabinet as its designee, and no payment shall be owed or made to CONTRACTOR absent formal approval.

Use of Moss Adams' Name

The District may not use any of Moss Adams' name, trademarks, service marks or logo in connection with the services contemplated by this Agreement or otherwise without the prior written permission of Moss Adams, which permission may be withheld for any or no reason and may be subject to certain conditions.

Use of Nonlicensed Personnel

Certain engagement personnel who are not licensed as certified public accountants may provide services during this engagement.

Dispute Resolution Procedure, Venue and Limitation Period

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state of California, without giving effect to any conflicts of laws principles. If a dispute arises out of or relates to the engagement described herein, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiations, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation using an agreed upon mediator. If the parties are unable to agree on a mediator, the parties shall petition the state court that would have jurisdiction over this matter if litigation were to ensue and request the appointment of a mediator, and such appointment shall be binding on the parties. Each party shall be responsible for its own mediation expenses, and shall share equally in the mediator's fees and expenses.

If the claim or dispute cannot be settled through mediation, each party hereby irrevocably (a) consents to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the appropriate state or federal court located in Alameda County, Alameda, in connection with any dispute hereunder or the enforcement of any right or obligation hereunder, and (b) WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY FURTHER AGREES THAT ANY SUIT ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE FILED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ARISES.

Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon ten (10) days' written notice. In such event, we will stop providing services hereunder except on work, mutually agreed upon in writing, necessary to carry out such termination. In the event of termination, (a) you shall pay us for services provided and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination, (b) we will provide you with all finished reports that we have prepared pursuant to this Agreement, (c) neither party shall be liable to the other for any damages that occur as a result of our ceasing to render services, and (d) we will require any new accounting firm that you may retain to execute access letters satisfactory to Moss Adams prior to reviewing our files.

Hiring of Employees

We have a significant investment in the training and development of our accountants, and they are valued employees of Moss Adams. If you should hire one of our accountants either during the audit or within one year after the completion of this engagement, you agree to pay a personnel placement fee to compensate Moss Adams. Any offer of employment to members of the audit team prior to issuance of our report may impair our independence, and as a result, may result in our inability to complete the engagement and issue a report.

Mutual Waiver of COVID-19 Claims

This provision addresses issues regarding the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"). The Parties acknowledge their respective understanding of the hazards of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, its highly contagious nature and the corresponding health risks associated with being exposed to or infected by COVID-19. Each Party agrees to waive, release, discharge, and covenants not to sue the other Party or its affiliates and its and their respective officers, directors, partners, principals, employees, agents, or subcontractors from any and all claims, damages, expense, liability, illness or losses that may occur from exposure to or infection by COVID-19 arising out of, related to, or in any way connected with the professional services provided by Moss Adams.