

March 22, 2016

City Council  
City of Perris  
Perris, California

This letter is in response to a question regarding the testing and evaluation of internal controls in the City in relation to the City's annual financial statement audit. It has come to our attention that there was a question by the City Council about whether or not internal controls are evaluated and tested as part of the City's annual audit.

Simply put, the answer to this question is yes; internal controls in the City are tested and evaluated as part of the annual audit. Each year as a part the annual audit we have issued a report titled "Independent Auditors' 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". The latest such report was issued as part of a Single Audit Report on Federal Award Programs as required when the City expends Federal Funds above a set threshold. I have attached a copy the Single Audit Report for your convenience. Pages one and two of this report addresses the City overall whereas pages three and four addresses only the Federal programs as indicated.

I would like to address your attention to paragraphs two and four of page one of the above referenced report wherein we describe the limited purpose and conclusion of our evaluation for the year ended June 30, 2015.

I hope this helps to address any questions the Council may have had regarding whether or not internal controls are evaluated and tested as part of the City's Annual Audit. If you need anything further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc.



Richard A. Teaman  
Certified Public Accountant

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**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**Perris, California**

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT ON  
FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS**

Year Ended June 30, 2015

**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

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**Independent Auditors' 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***

City Council  
City of Perris  
Perris, 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, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Perris, California (the "City"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2015.

**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) to determine the 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 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 City's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 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 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.

*Teaman Ramirez & Smith, Inc.*

Riverside, California  
December 29, 2015

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133**

City Council  
City of Perris  
Perris, California

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the City of Perris, California (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 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, 2015. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of 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, 2015.

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and

material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Perris, California as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basis financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on those 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 OMB Circular A-133 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 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 the 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 financial statements as a whole.

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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Teaman Ramirez & Smith, Inc.*

Riverside, California  
December 29, 2015



**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grant/Contract Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<b>MAJOR PROGRAMS</b>			
<u>United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:</u>			
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program	14.218	B-13-MC-06-0602	\$ 649,369
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program	14.218	B-14-MC-06-0602	<u>70,948</u>
Subtotal			<u>720,317</u>
<u>United States Department of Agriculture</u>			
<i>Passed through the County of Riverside</i> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	12-10194	<u>218,239</u>
<b>OTHER FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			
<u>United States Department of Homeland Security</u>			
<i>Passed through the County of Riverside</i> Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	2014-0070	<u>3,032</u>
<u>United States Department of Homeland Security</u>			
<i>Passed through the County of Riverside</i> Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	2014-SS-00093	<u>9,661</u>
<u>United States Department of Justice</u>			
ARRA – Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710	2013-UM-WX-0040	<u>41,633</u>
<u>United States Department of Justice</u>			
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	2012-DJ-BX-0695	5,244
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	16.738	2013-DJ-BX-0695	<u>5,740</u>
Subtotal			<u>10,984</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,003,866</u>

**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

**1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLICABLE TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**a) Scope of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule presents only the expenditures incurred (and related awards received) by the City of Perris that are reimbursable under programs of federal agencies providing financial assistance. For the purpose of this schedule, financial assistance includes both federal financial assistance received directly from a federal agency, as well as federal funds received indirectly by the City of Perris from a non-federal agency or other organization. Only the portion of the program expenditures reimbursable with such federal funds is reported in the accompanying schedule. Program expenditures in excess of the maximum federal reimbursement authorized or the portion of the program expenditures that were funded with state, local or other non-federal funds are excluded from the accompanying schedule.

**b) Basis of Accounting**

The expenditures included in the accompanying schedule were reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized in the period incurred. Expenditures reported include any property or equipment acquisitions incurred under the federal program.

**c) Major Programs**

The City had two major programs for the year ended June 30, 2015, consisting of expenditures from several grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Agriculture. The major programs had disbursements of \$938,556. This amount calculates to 93% of the total disbursements from federal awards. The City did meet the requirements to be a low risk auditee. Therefore, the City's major programs have to cover at least 25 percent of the total expenditures of federal awards.

**d) Relationship to Basic Financial Statements**

Federal award expenditures agree or can be reconciled with the amounts reported in the City's financial statements.

**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of Auditors' Report Issued: Unqualified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

Material Weakness(es) Identified? No

Significant Deficiency(ies) Identified not Considered  
to be Material Weaknesses? No

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted? No

**Federal Awards**

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

Material Weakness(es) Identified? No

Significant Deficiency(ies) Identified not Considered  
to be Material Weaknesses? No

Type of Auditors' Report Issued on Compliance for  
Major Programs: Unqualified

Any Audit Findings Disclosed that are Required to be Reported in  
Accordance With Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? No

Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
14.218	Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Dollar Threshold used to Distinguish Between Type A  
and Type B Programs: \$ 300,000

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee? Yes

**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

There were no auditors' findings required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

There were no auditors' findings required to be reported in accordance with paragraph .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.

**CITY OF PERRIS**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
Year Ended June 30, 2015

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**

There are no auditors' findings in the prior year required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* or with paragraph .510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.