MERCED COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT
MEASURES H AND J BOND FUNDS

Merced, California

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 30, 2012
To the Board of Trustees
Merced Community College District
Merced, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Measures H and J Bond Funds (the Measures) of Merced Community College District (the District), and have issued our report thereon dated November 16, 2012. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

**Our Responsibility Under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated June 15, 2012, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Measures’ internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Measures solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

**Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

**Qualitative Aspects of the Measures’ Significant Accounting Practices**

*Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Measures are included in note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended June 30, 2012. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about: (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions, and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.
**Significant Accounting Estimates**

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management’s current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimate affecting the financial statements is management’s estimate of the fair value of restricted cash and cash equivalents which is based on quoted market prices for the underlying securities in the county common investment pool and California Asset Management Program (CAMP) as of the balance sheet date. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

**Financial Statement Disclosures**

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the Measures’ financial statements relate to management’s estimate of the fair value of restricted cash and cash equivalents which is based on quoted market prices as of the balance sheet date.

**Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

**Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. No material misstatements were identified as a result of our audit procedures.

**Disagreements With Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Measures’ financial statements or the auditors’ report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

**Representations Requested From Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management dated November 16, 2012.

**Management Consultations With Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.
Other Significant Findings or Issues

In normal course of our professional association with the Measures, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the Measures, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Measures’ auditors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, the Bond Oversight Committee and management of Merced Community College District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the cooperation and assistance provided to us during the audit by your staff. We look forward to a continued relationship with you.

November 16, 2012
Chico, California