FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018



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Introductory Section

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

County Representatives Richard T. Lucia, Chair, Alameda County Mike Casten, Contra Costa County Lee Ann Magoski, Marin County Vacant, Santa Clara County William Scott, San Francisco County Jon Walton, San Mateo County Vince Hurst, Sonoma County

City Representatives

Vacant, City of Oakland Vacant, City of San Francisco Judith Torrico, City of San Jose

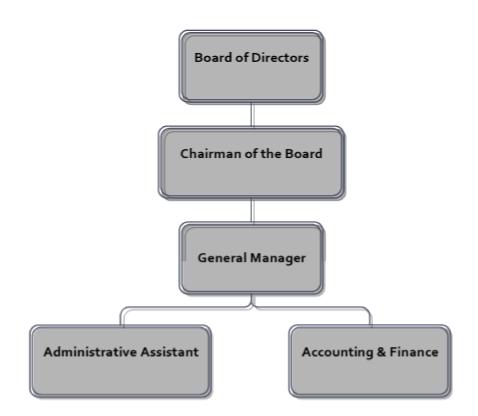
Special District Representatives

Ernest Marc Roberts, East Bay Hub Dan Winter, South Bay Hub

Management Personnel

General Manager Barry Fraser

ORGANIZATION CHART



MEMBERS

BayRICS currently has 15 member agencies. Participating agencies include:

Counties Alameda County Contra Costa County Marin County Santa Clara County San Francisco County San Mateo County Sonoma County *Cities* City of Monte Sereno City of Oakland City of San Francisco City of Santa Clara City of San Jose City of Sunnyvale Town of Los Gatos

Special Districts East Bay Regional Communications System Authority **Financial Section**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Oakland, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and major fund of Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic 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 control 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 opinions 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 and the State Controller's *Minimum Audit Requirements for California Special District*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 Authority'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 Authority'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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and major fund of the Authority as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 through 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements. The introductory section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 26, 2018 on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Patel & Associates, LLP Certified Public Accountants

Patel & Associates, LLP

Oakland, California September 26, 2018

This section of the financial statements for the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems (the Authority) presents a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This information is presented in conjunction with the audited basic financial statements, which follows this section.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's total assets exceeded its total liabilities by \$254,658 (net position) as of June 30, 2018 and total net position decreased by \$6,582 compared to fiscal year 2017. Net position is unrestricted, and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations.
- During fiscal year 2018, the Authority received membership fees of \$84,000.
- The Authority received operating grant revenues of \$38,100 in fiscal year 2018 compared to \$59,000 in fiscal year 2017. The decrease in grant revenues was a result of the timing of the reimbursement requests. The grant revenues earned in the current fiscal year were used to offset administrative expenses.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The Authority reports financial statements under the enterprise fund type as it is used to report activities for which fees are charged to external users for goods and services. As such, the Authority's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Enterprise Fund Financial Statements

The Authority's financial information is presented in the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows. The Statement of Net Position includes all the Authority's assets and liabilities, and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to creditors (liabilities). The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position identify the Authority's revenues and expenses and can be used to determine whether the Authority has successfully recovered all its costs through membership fees. The Statement of Cash Flows provides information on the Authority's cash receipts, cash disbursements, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investments, and financing activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the Authority

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating. A summarized comparison of the Authority's assets, liabilities, and net position as of June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 is shown below:

Table 1: Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	June 30, 2017	Change
Assets: Current assets	\$ <u>297,200</u>	\$ <u>291,842</u>	\$ <u>5,358</u> <u>1.8</u> %
Total Assets	297,200	291,842	<u>5,358</u> <u>1.8</u> %
Liabilities: Current liabilities	42,542	30,602	<u>11,940</u> <u>39.0</u> %
Total Liabilities	42,542	30,602	<u>11,940</u> <u>39.0</u> %
Net Position: Unrestricted	254,658	261,240	<u>(6,582)</u> <u>(2.5</u>)%
Total Net Position	\$ <u>254,658</u>	\$ <u>261,240</u>	\$ <u>(6,582</u>) <u>(2.5</u>)%

In fiscal year 2018, total assets increased by \$5,358 or 1.8 percent. This was due to a decrease in cash of \$5,903, and a decrease in grant receivable of \$550. The decrease was because of the timing of the grant payments.

Total liabilities for fiscal year 2018 increased by \$11,940. This was due to an increase in unearned revenues of \$14,000 offset by a decrease in accounts payable of \$2,060. The increase in unearned revenues was a result of more members paying in advance.

Total net position decreased in fiscal year 2018 compared to fiscal year 2017 by \$6,582 or 2.5 percent. The reasons for this decrease are discussed in the next section.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reflect how the Authority's net position changed during the current fiscal year as compared to the prior year. These changes are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. A summary of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position is as follows:

Table 2: Changes in Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	Change
Operating revenues: Membership fees	\$ <u>84,000</u>	\$ <u>84,000</u>	\$%
Total operating revenues	84,000	84,000	%
Operating expenses:			
Administration	107,646	101,294	6,352 6.3 %
Other operating expenses	23,937	27,531	(3,594) (13.1)%
Total operating expenses	131,583	128,825	2,758 2.1 %
Non-operating revenues:			
Grants	38,100	59,000	(20,900) (35.4)%
Interest	2,901	1,754	<u>1,147</u> <u>65.4</u> %
Total non-operating revenues	41,001	60,754	<u>(19,753</u>) <u>(32.5</u>)%
Change in net position Net position – beginning of year	(6,582) 261,240	15,929 245,311	(22,511) 141.3)% 15,929 6.5 %
Net position – end of year	\$ 254,658	\$ <u>261,240</u>	\$ <u>(6,582</u>) <u>(2.5</u>)%

The Authority's change in net position decreased by \$22,511 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The decrease was due to a \$6,352 increase in administration expenses and a decrease of \$20,900 in grant revenues offset by an increase in interest of \$1,147. Increases in administration expenses were result of additional hours worked by the general manager to assist other communication system authorities in the Bay Area. The decrease in grant revenues was a result of the timing of the reimbursement requests

Other Operating Expenses decreased by \$3,594 as a result of a decrease in legal expenses of \$4,161 offset by increases in audit and insurances expenses of \$286 and \$281, respectively

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The Authority's budget uses charges for services to recover costs associated with its operation. The Authority charges its members an annual membership fee of \$7,000. The board of directors sets the rate for the membership and reviews it annually.

The above factor was considered in preparing the Authority's budget for fiscal year 2019

The Authority adopted its fiscal year 2019 budget on June 14, 2018.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and members with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. Below is the contact information for questions about this report or requests for additional financial information.

Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Alameda County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 4985 Broder Boulevard, Dublin, CA 94568 Website: www.bayrics.net

BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

Assets: Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2) Grant receivable (Note 4) Prepaid expenses	\$ 268,405 27,050 <u>1,745</u>
Total assets	297,200
Liabilities: Accounts payable (Note 4) Unearned revenue Total liabilities	12,792 29,750 42,542
Net Position Unrestricted	254,658
Total net position	\$254,658

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018</u>

Operating revenues: Membership fees	\$ <u> </u>	84,000
Total operating revenues		84,000
Operating expenses: Administration Audit Insurance Legal		107,646 6,468 9,597 7,872
Total operating expenses		131,583
Operating income/(loss)		(47,583)
Nonoperating revenues: Grants Interest		38,100 2,901
Total nonoperating revenues		41,001
Change in net position Net position – beginning of year		(6,582) 261,240
Net position – end of year	\$ <u> </u>	254,658

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018</u>

Cash flows from operating activities: Receipts from members Payments to suppliers and service providers	\$ 96,250 (133,647)
Net cash used by operating activities	(37,397)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities: Grants received	40,400
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	40,400
Cash flows from investing activities: Interest and dividends	2,901
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,901
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year	5,904 <u>262,501</u>
Cash and cash equivalents – end of year	\$ <u>268,405</u>
Reconciliation of operating income/(loss) to net cash used by operating activities: Operating loss Changes in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Accounts payable Unearned revenue	\$ <u>(47,583)</u> (1,750) (4) (2,060) <u>14,000</u>
Total adjustments	10,186
Net cash used by operating activities	\$ <u>(37,397</u>)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Scope of Financial Reporting Entity

The Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems (the Authority) was officially created on May 2, 2011 with the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). By definition, a JPA is two or more contracted public agencies jointly exercising any power common to the contracting parties, including, but not limited to, the authority to levy a fee, assessment, or tax, even though one or more of the contracting agencies may be located outside the state.

The intent of the Authority is to establish a regional, interoperable public safety broadband communications system and other advanced information systems for interoperable public communications services. Currently there are 15 member agencies consisting of 7 counties, 7 cities and towns, and 1 special district.

The Authority is legally separate from the seven counties, and is governed by a Board of Directors made up of 12 elected and appointed officials from members. Members generally appoint one board member each, except for the City of Monte Sereno, the City of Santa Clara, the City of Sunnyvale, and the Town of Los Gatos, which collectively appoint one board member. The Authority's financial activities are reported under the JPA BayRICS Fund in the County of Alameda and funds are held by the Treasurer of the County of Alameda, Auditor-Controller Agency's Specialized Accounting Unit.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the Authority are presented as those of an enterprise fund under the broad category of funds called proprietary funds.

Enterprise funds account for business-like activities that are financed primarily by user charges and use the *economic resources measurement focus* and the accrual basis of accounting similar to the private sector. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the pronouncements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). According to GASB Statement 34, enterprise funds may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

C. Cash and Investments

The Authority's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments. The Authority maintains its cash with the County of Alameda Treasurer.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-(CONT'D)

C. Cash and Investments-(Cont'd)

The County follows the practice of pooling cash and investments of all funds with the County Treasurer, except for certain restricted funds, which are generally held by outside custodians and classified as "Cash and investments with fiscal agents" within its financial statements. The fair value of the Treasurer's pool is determined on a quarterly basis. The adjustment to the cash balance of all participants in the pool is based on the cash balance at the valuation date. The change in the fair value of the investments is recognized in the year in which the change occurred.

The fair value of the Treasurer's Pool is determined on a quarterly basis. The adjustment to the cash balance of all participants in the pool is based on the cash balance at the valuation date. The change in the fair value of the investments is recognized in the year in which the change occurred. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of investments is determined using the fair value hierarchy defined by GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application

The Treasurer's Pool is audited annually by independent auditors. In order to obtain a copy of the most recent report, contact the Office of the Alameda County Treasurer - Tax Collector at 1221 Oak Street, Room 131, Oakland, CA 94612.

D. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, structures and improvements, machinery and equipment, software, and infrastructure, are valued at historical cost. The Authority capitalizes equipment and computer software with minimum cost of \$5,000 and \$250,000, respectively, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Structures and improvements and infrastructure with a value of at least \$250,000 are capitalized. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Authority has no capital assets as of June 30, 2018.

E. Net Position

Net Investment in Capital Assets

This category of net position groups all capital assets into one component. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt, excluding unexpended bond proceeds, related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the capital assets reduce the balance in this category. The Authority has no net investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2018.

Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position are those assets, net of their related liabilities, that have constraints placed on their use by creditors, grantors, contributors, or by enabling legislation. Accordingly, restricted assets may include unspent grant revenues, certain fees and charges and restricted tax revenues. The Authority has no restricted net position as of June 30, 2018.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-(CONT'D)

F. Cash Flows

A statement of cash flows is presented for proprietary fund types. Cash and cash equivalents include all unrestricted and restricted highly liquid investments with original purchase maturities of three months or less. Pooled cash and investments in the County's Treasury represent monies in a cash management pool. Such accounts are similar in nature to demand deposits.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: <u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>

A. Deposits

As of June 30, 2018 the Authority's cash and deposits were as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	268,405
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Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Authority will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside entity. The Authority's investment policy requires that deposits in banks must meet the requirements of the California Government Code. As required by California Government Code Section 53652, the market value of the pledged securities must equal at least 110 percent of the Authority's deposits, with the exception of mortgage-backed securities, which must equal at least 150 percent.

B. Investments

County of Alameda Treasurer's Investments

The Authority is considered to be a voluntary participant in an external investment pool as the Authority deposits all receipts and collections, except those required to be deposited with the trustee, with the County of Alameda Treasurer.

Funds with the County Treasurer are invested pursuant to the annual investment policy established by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The objectives of the policy are, in order of priority, preservation of capital, liquidity, and yield. The policy addresses the soundness of financial institution in which the County deposits funds, the types of investment instruments and the percentage of the portfolio, which may be invested in certain instruments, as permitted by Section 53600 et seq. of the Government Code of the State of California.

NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS-(CONT'D)

B. Investments-(Cont'd)

Authorized instruments in which the Treasurer can invest include U.S. Treasury securities, banker's acceptances, federal, state and local government securities, commercial paper, medium-term corporate notes, negotiable certificates of deposit, local agency investment fund, money market funds, mutual funds that invest in authorized securities, and mortgage-backed securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with the investment policy, the County Treasurer manages the risk exposure by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio to not more than two years at any time. The weighted average maturity of the County Treasurer's pool at June 30, 2018 was 357 days

NOTE 3: <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Authority participates in the Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. government crime policy. The policy provides for coverage for faithful performance/employee dishonesty, money and securities, forgery or alteration, computer fraud, robbery and safe burglary, and money order and counterfeit paper currency. The Authority's deductibles and maximum coverage as of June 30, 2018 are as follows:

		Insurance
Coverage Description	Deductible	Coverage
Government Crime	\$ 2,500	\$ 15,000,000

The Authority has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded the Authority's insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 4: <u>RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS</u>

All members of the Authority participate on the Authority's Board of Directors. One member, the County of Alameda, provides audit services to the Authority through the County of Alameda's audit pool. The County of Alameda has contracted with a pool of external auditors who provide audit services at contract rates. The Authority incurred \$6,468 for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The County of Alameda bills the Authority upon completion of the audit services each fiscal year. Accounts payable as of June 30, 2018, was comprised of the following:

Vendor	Amount	
County of Alameda	\$	6,468
Other non-related Parties		6,324
	\$	12,792

Members will be users of the Authority's communications systems once operational. The Authority currently provides members with updates on the status and timeline of network deployment, develops policies for regional governance, and provides recommendations to members regarding adoption and usage of services when they become available. Members support these activities through annual membership fees, which totaled \$84,000 for the year ended June 30, 2018. In addition, the Authority uses the County of Alameda Treasurer's Pool for investment management as disclosed in Note 2 above.

The Authority bills membership fees annually. The County of Alameda Treasurer's Pool posts interest income at the end of each quarter with interest credited to the Authority subsequent to each quarter-end.

Receivables as of June 30, 2018, were comprised of the following:

Source	Amount	
City of Monte Sereno	\$	1,750
Town of Los Gatos		3,500
Other non-related partiess		21,800
	\$	27,050

NOTE 5: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Authority has entered into an agreement with Corey Reynolds ("Contractor") under which the Contractor provides the Authority with management service by providing staff for the general manager position. For this service, the Authority will pay a rate of \$115 per hour not exceeding \$119,600 to the Contractor. This agreement is effective from August 15, 2018 and shall run through June 30, 2019. Further the parties may extend the term for additional period by mutual agreement.



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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*

The Board of Directors Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems Oakland, 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 business-type activities and major fund of Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 26, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' 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 Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' 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 Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' 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 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 Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications Systems' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Patel & Associates, LLP Certified Public Accountants

Patel & Associates, LIP

Oakland, California September 26, 2018

BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES JUNE 30, 2018

No matters were reported.

BAY AREA REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2018

There were no findings in the prior year.