

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND**

AUDIT REPORT

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
INTRODUCTION
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District was established in 1891 and is located in Santa Barbara County. There were no changes in the boundaries of the District during the current year. The District operates three high schools, one continuation high school and the Mark Richardson Career Technical Education Center and Agriculture Farm.

In an election held on November 8, 2016, the voters authorized the District to issue and sell not more than \$114,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds. These bonds were issued to finance the construction, improvement, equipping and furnishing of various capital facilities of the District.

Series 2017 was issued on August 8, 2017, in the principal amount of \$47,000,000 with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00%. The original issuance consisted entirely of current interest bonds. The bonds have a final maturity date of August 1, 2042.

Series 2021 was issued on December 8, 2021, in the principal amount of \$67,000,000 with interest rates ranging from 1.25% to 4.00%. The original issuance consisted entirely of current interest bonds. The bonds have a final maturity date of August 1, 2046.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTSIndependent Auditors' Report

Measure H2016 Citizens' Oversight Committee and
Governing Board Members of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Santa Maria, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District"), as of and for the period ended February 28, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, as of February 28, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, as of February 28, 2025, and the changes in its financial position for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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, and 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 fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 6, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters specific to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance specific to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund.

Report of Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, as incorporated in California Constitution Article 13A, we have issued our performance audit dated May 6, 2025, on our consideration of the District's compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39 as it directly relates to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund. That report is an integral part of our audit of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, as of and for the period ended February 28, 2025, and should be considered in assessing the results of our financial audit.

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San Diego, California
May 6, 2025

FINANCIAL SECTION

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
BALANCE SHEET
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$	-
Accounts receivable		-
Due from other funds		-
Total Assets	\$	-

LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities	\$	-
Total Liabilities		-

FUND BALANCES

Restricted for Measure H2016 projects		-
Total Fund Balances		-
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	-

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

REVENUES

Interest income	\$	18,081
Net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments		<u>53,660</u>
Total Revenues		<u>71,741</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current		
Facilities acquisition and construction		<u>18,081</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>18,081</u>

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

		53,660
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024		<u>(53,660)</u>
Ending Fund Balance - February 28, 2025	\$	<u>-</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the “District”) accounts for its financial transactions in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Department of Education's *California School Accounting Manual*. The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

An oversight committee to the District's Governing Board and Superintendent, called the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), was established pursuant to the requirements of state law and the provisions of the Measure H2016 bond. The COC is required by state law to actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. The COC provides oversight and advises the public whether the District is spending the Measure H2016 bond funds for school capital improvements within the scope of projects outlined in the Measure H2016 bond project list. In fulfilling its duties, the COC reviews, among other things, the District's annual performance and financial audits of Measure H2016 activity.

The statements presented are for the individual Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of the District, consisting of the net construction proceeds of Measure H2016 Series 2017 and Series 2021, as issued by the District, through the County of Santa Barbara, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the District's financial position or results of operations. There are no related parties or component units included in this financial statement presentation.

B. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. “Available” means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Cash equivalents also include cash with county treasury balances for purposes of the statement of cash flows.

D. Interfund Balances

Receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “Due from other funds/Due to other funds.”

E. Accrued Liabilities

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the fund.

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued
FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Fund Balance

Under GASB Statement No. 54, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The fund balance in Measure H2016 is considered restricted.

The restricted fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to externally imposed and legally enforceable constraints. Such constraints may be imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or may be imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

G. Interfund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

H. Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

I. Budgetary Data

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of the California Education Code and requires the governing board to hold a public hearing and adopt an operating budget no later than July 1 of each year. The District governing board satisfied these requirements. The adopted budget is subject to amendment throughout the year to give consideration to unanticipated revenue and expenditures primarily resulting from events unknown at the time of budget adoption with the legal restriction that expenditures cannot exceed appropriations by major object account.

OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS

**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**Independent Auditors' Report

Measure H2016 Citizens' Oversight Committee and
Governing Board Members of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Santa Maria, 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 Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District"), as of and for the period ended February 28, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's basic financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund, and have issued our report thereon dated May 6, 2025.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position attributable to the transactions of that Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the District as of February 28, 2025, and the changes in its financial position for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, we considered Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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San Diego, California
May 6, 2025

REPORT ON PERFORMANCEIndependent Auditors' Report

Measure H2016 Citizens' Oversight Committee and
Governing Board Members of the
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Santa Maria, California

We were engaged to conduct a performance audit of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (the "District") for the period ended February 28, 2025.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Our audit was limited to the objectives listed within the report which includes determining the District's compliance with the performance requirements as referred to in Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution and Appendix A contained in the *2024-2025 Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting* issued by the California Education Audit Appeals Panel. Management is responsible for the District's compliance with those requirements.

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

The results of our tests indicated that the District, in all significant respects, expended Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund only for the specific projects approved by the voters, in accordance with Proposition 39 and outlined in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) of the California Constitution. The procedures performed and the related results are further described in the accompanying audit procedures and results section.

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



San Diego, California
May 6, 2025

AUDIT PROCEDURES AND RESULTS SECTION

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
AUDIT PROCEDURES AND RESULTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

SECTION I – FINANCIAL AUDIT PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

Financial Statements

As mentioned in the Report on Financial Statements, we have issued an unmodified opinion over the financial statements of the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund as of and for the period ended February 28, 2025.

Internal Control Evaluation

We tested internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with laws, regulations, or provisions of contracts or agreements and have determined through our inquiry of management and our evaluation of District processes that no significant deficiencies were noted.

SECTION II – PERFORMANCE AUDIT PROCEDURES AND RESULTS

Facility Project Expenditures

We selected a representative sample of expenditures charged to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund and reviewed supporting documentation to ensure funds were properly expended on specific project(s) listed in the text of the Measure H2016 ballot.

We tested 100% of current year Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund expenditures for validity, allowability and accuracy and concluded that the sampled expenditures were in compliance with the terms of Measure H2016 ballot language and applicable state laws and regulations.

Personnel Expenditures

Based on review of expenditure information, we noted that there were no salaries or benefits charged to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund during the period ended February 28, 2025. Audit procedures over personnel expenditures were not applicable.

Contract Bidding Procedures

We confirmed that there were no Measure H2016 contracts awarded during the period ended February 28, 2025. Additionally, we reviewed overall expenditures by vendor to determine if multiple projects under the applicable bidding threshold were identified to suggest any possible bid-splitting.

Based on our review of overall expenditures and projects by vendor, no instances or possible indications of bid-splitting were identified. The District appears to be properly reviewing projects and applying appropriate procedures over contract and bidding procedures.

Contract Change Order Procedures

We reviewed a listing of contract activity and determined that there were no change orders issued during the period ended February 28, 2025. Audit procedures over change orders were not applicable.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION

**SANTA MARIA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE H2016 BOND BUILDING FUND
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

PART I – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no financial statement findings for the period ended February 28, 2025.

PART II – PERFORMANCE AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no findings or recommendations related to the Measure H2016 Bond Building Fund for the period ended February 28, 2025.

PART III – PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no findings or recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2024.