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REQUIRED COMMUNICATION TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Audit Committee and Board of Retirement
Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
Fresno, California

We have audited the financial statements of the Fresno County Employees Retirement Association (FCERA) for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2010. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices
Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by FCERA are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. During the year ended June 30, 2010, FCERA adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets,* and Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*. We noted no transactions entered into by FCERA during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was the fair market value of investments.

Management's estimate of the fair market value of investments is derived by various methods as detailed in Note 2 to the financial statements. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair market value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit
We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements
Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. We did not note any material misstatements.

Disagreements with Management
For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations
We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the Management Representation Letter dated December 7, 2010.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants
In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the FCERA financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as FCERA's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Audit Committee, Board of Retirement and management of FCERA, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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By: Andrew J. Paulden

Bakersfield, California
December 7, 2010