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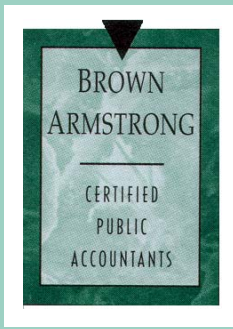
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Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
Audit Committee presentation of the June 30, 2008 audit results

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December 17, 2008

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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**

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Audit Committee and Board of Retirement
Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
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We have audited the basic financial statements of the Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association (FCERA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2008. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered FCERA's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of FCERA's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of FCERA's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects FCERA's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of FCERA's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by FCERA's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by FCERA's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether FCERA's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, 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*.

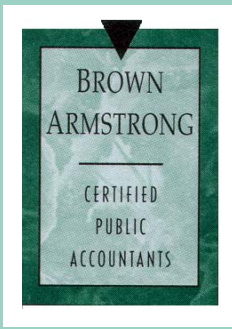
However, we noted certain matters not rising to the level of deficiencies or material weaknesses, as defined above, that we reported to management of FCERA in a separate letter dated December 4, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Audit Committee and 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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Bakersfield, California
December 4, 2008



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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, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by FCERA management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you during our planning stages.

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 Fiscal Year 2008, FCERA adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures, an amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and 27*.

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

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.

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 4, 2008.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Paulden", written in a cursive style.

By: Andrew J. Paulden

Bakersfield, California
December 4, 2008

**FCERA
SUMMARY OF UNADJUSTED AUDIT DIFFERENCES
6/30/2008**

	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets (In 000's)</u>
Known Audit Differences:	
Differences from timing of alternative investments fair market value reporting	<u>\$ 3,805,513</u>
Total Unadjusted Audit Differences	<u><u>\$ 3,805,513</u></u>