

**COUNTY OF SIERRA,
CALIFORNIA**



**SINGLE AUDIT ACT
REPORTS AND SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**

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COUNTY OF SIERRA
Single Audit Act
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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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**

To the Board of Supervisors and the Grand Jury
County of Sierra
Downieville, 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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Sierra, California, (County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County'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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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.

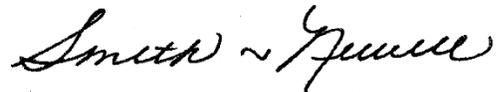
To the Board of Supervisors and the Grand Jury
County of Sierra
Downieville, California

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's 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 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.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
January 8, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Supervisors and the Grand Jury
County of Sierra
Downieville, California

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the County of Sierra, California's (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

To the Board of Supervisors and the Grand Jury
County of Sierra
Downieville, California

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. 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, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures, including examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

To the Board of Supervisors and the Grand Jury
County of Sierra
Downieville, California

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Sierra, California, (County) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Smith & Newell CPAs
Yuba City, California
January 8, 2024

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COUNTY OF SIERRA
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Direct Program:				
Community Facilities Loans and Grants	10.766	-	\$ -	\$ 134,800
Subtotal 10.766 - Community Facilities Loans and Grants Cluster			-	134,800
State Department of Social Services:				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	10-Unknown	-	145,530
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - COVID	10.561	10-Unknown	-	109
Subtotal 10.561 - SNAP Cluster			-	145,639
State Department of Health Services:				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	19-10190	-	32,102
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	22-10292	-	101,757
Subtotal 10.557			-	133,859
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	414,298
U.S. Department of Justice				
State Emergency Management Agency:				
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	VW 2228 0460	-	63,836
Total U.S. Department of Justice			-	63,836
U.S. Department of Transportation				
State Department of Transportation:				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BRLO-5913 (058)	-	9,055
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BRLO-5913 (059)	-	1,620
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BRLO-5913 (060)	-	4,287
Subtotal 20.205			-	14,962
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	64BA22-02074	-	62,400
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	64VO20-01346	-	26,128
Subtotal 20.509			-	88,528
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			-	103,490

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

COUNTY OF SIERRA
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
State Controller's Office:				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	21-Unknown	\$ -	\$ 291,843
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	21-Unknown	-	25,000
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			-	316,843
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
State Department of Social Services:				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.556	93-Unknown	-	4,317
Social Services Block Grant	93.645	93-Unknown	-	7,349
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	93-Unknown	-	21,084
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	22-11032	-	29,080
Immunization Cooperative Agreements - COVID	93.268	22-11032	-	102,187
Subtotal 93.268			-	131,267
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	93-Unknown	-	230,087
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - COVID	93.558	93-Unknown	-	799
Subtotal 93.558			-	230,886
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	93-Unknown	-	516,986
Foster Care - Title IV-E - COVID	93.658	93-Unknown	-	12,921
Subtotal 93.658			-	529,907
Adoption Assistance	93.659	93-Unknown	-	18,467
Adoption Assistance - COVID	93.659	93-Unknown	-	1,392
Subtotal 93.659			-	19,859
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	93-Unknown	-	226,880
State Department of Health Care Services:				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	93-Unknown	-	38,700
Subtotal 93.778 - Medicaid Cluster			-	265,580
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	93-Unknown	-	14,802
State Department of Public Health:				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.069	93-Unknown	-	97,809
Grants to Provide Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease	93.323	93-Unknown	-	127,305
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.918	PARTB1819SCPH	-	2,523
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	93-Unknown	-	91,654

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Continued)				
State Department of Public Health (Continued):				
National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889	93-Unknown	\$ -	\$ 114,403
State Department of Mental Health Services:				
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	93-Unknown	-	63,166
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services - COVID	93.958	93-Unknown	-	1,738
Subtotal 93.958			-	64,904
State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs:				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	93-Unknown	-	455,029
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse - COVID	93.959	93-Unknown	-	3,854
Subtotal 93.959			-	458,883
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			-	2,182,532
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
State Office of Emergency Services:				
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-4308-DR-CA	-	376,559
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	FEMA-4558-CA	-	482,208
Subtotal 97.036			-	858,767
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	2021-0014	-	16,317
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	2021-0015	-	125,646
Subtotal 97.042			-	141,963
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	2020-0095	-	53,114
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			-	1,053,844
Total			\$ -	\$ 4,134,843

See accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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COUNTY OF SIERRA
Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of the County of Sierra, California. The County of Sierra reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the County's basic financial statements. All federal awards received directly from federal agencies as well as federal awards passed through other government agencies are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the County.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting for grants accounted for in the governmental fund types and the accrual basis of accounting for grants accounted for in the proprietary fund types, as described in the notes to the County financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursements.

3. INDIRECT COST RATE

The County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

The amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards agree or can be reconciled with amounts reported in the related federal financial assistance reports.

5. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards agree or can be reconciled with amounts reported in the County's basic financial statements.

6. PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES' IDENTIFYING NUMBER

When federal awards were received from a pass-through entity, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards shows, if available, the identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity. When no identifying number is shown, the County determined that no identifying number is assigned for the program or the County was unable to obtain an identifying number from the pass-through entity and the identifying number is shown as unknown.

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COUNTY OF SIERRA
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements	<u>Status</u>
1. Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
2. Internal controls over financial reporting:	
a. Material weaknesses identified?	No
b. Significant deficiencies identified and not considered to be material weaknesses?	No
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major programs:	
a. Material weaknesses identified?	No
b. Significant deficiencies identified and not considered to be material weaknesses?	No
2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	No
4. Identification of major programs:	
21.027 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	
97.036 Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	
5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs?	\$750,000
6. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under 2 CFR Section 200.520?	Yes

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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Supplemental Schedule

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COUNTY OF SIERRA
Supplemental Schedule
California Emergency Management Agency
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

The following schedule represents expenditures for U.S. Department of Justice grants passed through the State of California, Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), as well as CalEMA funded grant expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023. This information is included in the County's single audit report at the request of CalEMA.

	Expenditures Claimed			Share of Expenditures Current Year		
	For the Period Through June 30, 2022	For the Year Through June 30, 2023	Cumulative As of June 30, 2023	Federal Share	State Share	County Share
	<u>VW 2127 0460 - Crime Victim Assistance</u>					
Personal services	\$ 66,068	\$ 33,671	\$ 99,739	\$ -	\$ 33,671	\$ -
Operating expenses	19,772	7,603	27,375	-	7,603	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 85,840	\$ 41,274	\$ 127,114	\$ -	\$ 41,274	\$ -
<u>VW 2228 0460 - Crime Victim Assistance</u>						
Personal services	\$ -	\$ 63,770	\$ 63,770	\$ 48,088	\$ 15,682	\$ -
Operating expenses	-	15,748	15,748	15,748	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ -	\$ 79,518	\$ 79,518	\$ 63,836	\$ 15,682	\$ -

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