

FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council of the City of Eureka
Eureka, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Eureka (City), California, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. 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* as issued by the Controller General of the United States. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Eureka, California, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable thereof, for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in note 1 of the notes to basic financial statements effective July 1, 2007, the City adopted the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues* and GASB Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 25 and No. 27*.

The accompanying Required Supplementary Information, Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison schedules for the general fund and major special revenue funds, and the Funding Progress for the Public Employees Retirement System and the Local Employees Retirement System are not required parts of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and we express no opinion on it.

In accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 19, 2008, on our consideration of the City of Eureka's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Eureka's basic financial statements. The Introductory Section, the Major Debt Service and Capital Projects Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Combining Statements for the Nonmajor Governmental Funds, the Internal Service Funds, the Agency Funds, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules for the Nonmajor Governmental Funds, and the Statistical Section listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The Major Debt Service and Capital Projects Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Combining Statements for the Nonmajor Governmental Funds, the Internal Service Funds, the Agency Funds, and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules for the Nonmajor Governmental Funds have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Introductory Section and Statistical Section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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