



External Audit Gives MID High Marks

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MERCED, CA – The most recent external audit of Merced Irrigation District’s finances has again given the agency the highest possible financial opinion. The annual review gave the District an “unqualified opinion,” the highest opinion an auditor can give.

The outside review of MID’s finances was conducted over several months by Burr, Pilger, Mayer, Inc., based in San Francisco.

The annual audit for the 2013-2014 calendar years shows the District’s net position increased by \$4.7 million while long-term debt decreased by \$1.9 million.

Spanning 63 pages, the report also shows the District to be in good financial standing with healthy reserves and meeting all of its debt service requirements.

“In recent years, the MID Board has adopted a number of policies to assist in managing and monitoring our finances. Those policies and the work of our dedicated staff have resulted in this superb audit,” said General Manager John Sweigard.

Brian Stubbert, MID Chief Financial Officer, noted that the District also completed the audit in less than 90 days, which according to the Government Finance Officers Association is accomplished by less than 10 percent of governments and special districts.

“This is a direct result of the hard work we are doing every day as stewards of the District’s financial resources,” he said. “I am extremely pleased with the outcome of this audit.”

According to the audit, MID had \$78.7 million in operating revenue and \$73.1 million in expenses for the year. The result was a net income from operations to the District of \$5.6 million, which will be used to pay down debt and investment in capital improvements. The audit balance sheet shows MID has \$261

million in assets and deferred outflows of resources and \$143 million in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

MID's external audit is conducted each year and is required to provide assurance that the financial position of the District is being correctly reported. The financial statements are also used by the bond market and are part of the annual bond disclosure requirements ensuring proper debt coverage.

The full report may be viewed on MID's website by clicking [here](#).

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