

**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
FOR
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES
Midway City Sanitary District**

**For the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 2025-2027
(with option for three subsequent years)**

NIGRO & NIGRO^{PC}

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Let's Work Together!



*By applying our financial expertise,
we partner with our clients to build
valuable relationships that inspire success.*

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February 6, 2025

Mr. Gordon Copley, CPA – Director of Finance
Midway City Sanitary District
14451 Cedarwood Street
Westminster, CA 92683

Dear Mr. Copley:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal to provide audit services for the Midway City Sanitary District (District). Our understanding of the work to be done is: the annual audit of the District's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025-2027, with an option to extend for three additional years. Based on our history with water and wastewater agencies, we believe our firm would be a great fit, and we would develop a great working relationship. Our staff works hard to help ensure our audits are completed with the highest level of service and meet all deadlines.

Currently, our current State Water Project clients are as follows:

Palmdale Water District, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District and San Geronio Pass Water Agency

Although many people think that all water and wastewater agencies function in the same manner, we know that's not the case. The audit leadership team we've assigned to your District, including myself, will take the time to learn the intricacies of your organization. We find that by delving deep into our client's structure and operations we are able to make recommendations that are not only useful, but also practical to implement.

At Nigro & Nigro, PC, our greatest strengths correspond to your most critical needs; we possess the full spectrum of resources needed to most effectively help the District's management team and Board members meet their goals – all at a very competitive rate. We believe we are your best choice.

- **Credibility, Reputation, and Resources of a Large Firm** without sacrificing the small-firm touch. Our CPAs and consultants can help you analyze and address financial, operational, and regulatory issues so you can focus attention on serving your citizens. We were originally formed in 1999, and now perform annual audits for approximately 100+ public agencies annually.
- **State-Wide Reach with Local Presence.** At Nigro & Nigro, we have the benefit of having the resources of a state-wide firm while serving you from our Murrieta (Headquarters) office. We also have an office in Walnut Creek office for additional resources.
- **Efficiency.** Our use of portal software allows you to upload audit documentation at any time, which will minimize disruption to your staff and enable timely completion of all deliverables.

- **An Efficient and Effective Work Plan.** We currently serve over 100+ governmental entities statewide, which enables our staff to understand the scope of the audit. We also understand the District's complexities, not just from a compliance standpoint but also from an operational point of view. We have developed an effective work plan that takes into consideration your needs for high quality audit services, as well as timely deliverables. As a result of our efficient work plan, we commit to meeting your deadlines to complete our auditing services within the time-period you have specified.
- **Thought Leadership.** Members of our firm have been actively involved as presenters in numerous industry conferences and programs, including the GFOA, CSDA, and CSMFO. We have incorporated our experience with these committees into our audit framework.
- **Engagement Team.** We know that quality people drive quality results, which is why our commitment to you starts with the engagement team members who are selected based on their experience, focus on serving local government agencies, and who are the best fit for you. Each of the District's engagement team members have completed and exceeded the mandatory requirement for continuing professional education hours as requested in the RFP. Paul Kaymark, Partner, will be the main contact for the District regarding this project.
- **A Focus on Providing Consistent, Dependable Service to Government Entities.** Nigro & Nigro is organized by industry, affording our clients with industry-specific expertise supplemented by valuable local service and insight. Therefore, the District will enjoy the service of members of our Governmental Audit Services Team who have experience with similar governmental entities and understand the issues and environment critical to you. You will not have to train our auditors.

You may have many options in selecting a professional audit firm. By choosing Nigro & Nigro, you will gain value-added accounting and operational insights. We are the right fit for the District, as we have the expertise and depth of resources within our firm to offer you exceptional service while maintaining a sincere and honest relationship. We understand the work, we are committed to meeting your deadlines, and we would like the opportunity to continue to be your auditors. We also commit to meeting or exceeding your expectations.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present our qualifications. If you have any questions about our offerings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Kaymark, CPA
Audit Services Partner



LICENSE TO PRACTICE IN CALIFORNIA

The Firm and its entire CPA staff hold licenses to practice in the State of California. The Firm's CPA's are all members in good standing with the California Society of CPA's and the AICPA. We will assign a California licensed CPA as the auditor in charge of the audit.

PROFILE OF THE FIRM

Statement of Independence

Our standards require that we be without bias with respect to your operations. The Firm is independent of all entities listed in the RFP, as defined by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the U.S. General Accounting Office's "Governmental Auditing Standards". In addition, the Firm shall give the District written notice of any relevant professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement.

Experience

Nigro & Nigro team members are highly trained in governmental accounting and auditing, which sets us apart as being able to add value beyond the basic attest engagement. We are comfortable working with clients of various sizes. Within the past five years, we have worked with numerous governmental clients with revenues ranging from \$200,000 to over \$300 million.

Prior to any audit engagement, our engagement team leader will meet with the Board, Audit Committee and Management to gain a full understanding of the philosophy, objectives and policies for operating the organization, as well as to discuss significant business, regulatory and accounting matters that will affect the audit. At the conclusion of the audit, we will communicate the results of the audit with the Board, Audit Committee and Management.

Areas of specialization include:

- Audit and Review Services
- Government Auditing Standards & Single Audits
- Annual Report of Financial Transactions
- Agreed Upon Procedures Engagements
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) development

PROFILE OF THE FIRM (CONTINUED)

Size of Our Firm

Firm-wide, we have the following staffing for our governmental audit services:

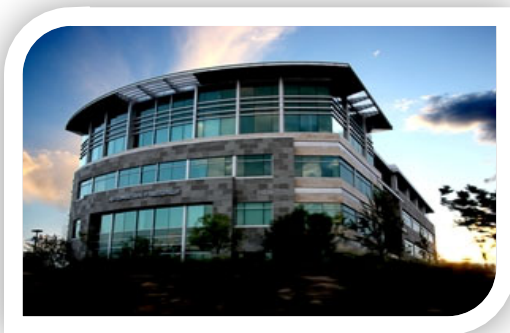
Position	Number of Employees	Number of Licensed CPA's
Partner*	7	7
Senior Manager	1	1
Manager	3	3
Supervisor	1	-
Senior Associates	8	-
Support Staff	3	-
Total	39	11

**Although the term "partner" is used throughout this proposal to avoid confusion, the firm is organized as a Professional Corporation, and the firm's owners are "shareholders."*

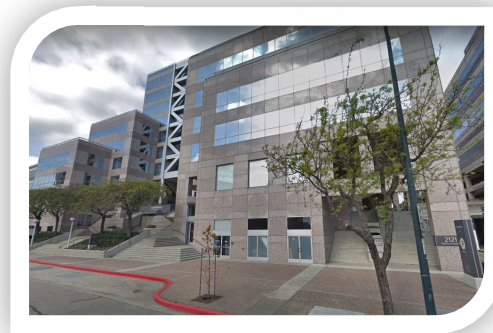
Size and Location of Offices

The firm was originally established in 1999. In 2013, we opened our second office in Northern California in order to better serve our growing client base of agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Firm now has five partners and a professional staff of 18 accountants and expects to add more in the coming years as we continue to grow. We are a full service firm, providing audit and review, tax, consulting, and accounting services to local government, non-profit organizations, charter schools, commercial businesses and homeowners' associations. The office serves clients of all sizes and industries, however, we focus on government agencies, just like yours.

We are prepared to do what it takes to provide the extra level of service required to maintain a long-term business relationship.



MURRIETA OFFICE



WALNUT CREEK OFFICE

Range of Activities Performed

- Consulting and other services for numerous other agencies and not-for-profits
- Tax services for individuals, corporations, and non-profit organizations

PROFILE OF THE FIRM (CONTINUED)

Peer Review

Our firm's most recently issued peer review report can be found under the "Additional Documents" section of the proposal. A firm can receive a "Fail", "Pass with Deficiencies", or a "Pass" rating. The firm's most recent peer review report rating was a Pass. This rating indicates that the firm's system of quality control has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the audit organization with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements in all material respects. As required by our membership in the Government Audit Quality Center (GAQC), the peer review included a selection of a sample of governmental audit engagements.

Meet Your Audit Leadership Team

Listed on the following pages are the resumes of the management team that will be assigned to your audit. As mentioned previously, our staff members have considerable governmental audit experience. This gives us a pool to draw on in addition to the group listed.

Name	Role	Years of Experience in Audits
Paul J. Kaymark, CPA	Lead/Review Partner	31
Jared Solmosen, CPA	Engagement Audit Partner	7
Stacy Macias, CPA	Audit Manager – Federal Compliance	7
Anabel Cruz, CPA	Audit Manager	6
Tyler Cook	Audit Supervisor	3
Angelina Paunkov	Audit Senior	2
Valeria Castaneda	Audit Staff	1

Paul J. Kaymark, CPA

Lead/Review Audit Partner

Paul joined the firm in 2019 and has more than 31 years of public accounting and auditing governmental entities experience. Paul is our choice for new governmental audit clients, having extensive experience in the areas of governmental entities. His main responsibilities include assistance in the preliminary planning of audit work, review of assistants' work, and performing audit procedures in more complex audit areas.

Audit Services:

Mr. Kaymark has been working on audit engagements of governmental agencies, not-for-profit organizations, as well as for-profit corporations and companies. His previous experience includes audit and consulting work for large and small businesses with a focus on client service. Paul strives to build strong relationships with his clients by assisting them with any emerging issues and being available as a resource.

Consulting Services:

Mr. Kaymark has experience in a variety of governmental issues, garnered from his auditing experience over the years. He regularly consults with clients in areas of:

Special District Accounting:

- Internal controls
- Financial reporting
- Annual report of financial transactions

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Cash flows
- Budget development and projections
- Multi-Year projections
- Pension and OPEB accounting

Some Agencies Served:

- Metropolitan Water District of So Cal
- Palmdale Water District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Western Municipal Water District
- El Toro Water District
- East Orange County Water District
- Trabuco Canyon Water District



California Special Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

CSDA Workshop Speaker



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Accountancy
California State University, Long Beach
1994

Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Public Accountant, California
- GFOA Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting - Reviewer

Professional Affiliations:

- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO)
- California Special District Association (CSDA)

Continuing Education:

Various municipal accounting courses offered by the AICPA, CalCPA Education Foundation including:

- Governmental and Nonprofit Annual Update
- GASB Basic Financial Statements for State and Local Governments
- Single Audits: Uniform Grant Guidance (formerly OMB Circular A-133)
- Financial Accounting Standards Board Annual Updates



Water and Wastewater Clients Audited and/or Consulted With Over My Career

Water and Wastewater

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Long Beach Water Department
Glendale Water and Power
Colton Public Utilities
Baldy Mesa Water District
Bear Valley Community Services District
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
Big Bear City Community Services District
Cabazon Water District
California Domestic Water Company
Casitas Municipal Water District
Castaic Lake Water Agency
Chino Basin Water Conservation District
Chino Basin Watermaster
Coachella Valley Water District
Diablo Water District
East Orange County Water District
El Toro Water District
Farm Mutual Water Company
Golden Hills Community Services District
Goleta Water District
Hi-Desert Water District
Inverness Public Utilities District
Irvine Ranch Water District
Joshua Basin Water District
Jurupa Community Services District
Leucadia Wastewater District
Mesa Consolidated Water District
Mojave Water Agency
Monte Vista Water District
Montecito Water District
North Coast County Water District
North Marin Water District
Novato Sanitary District
Palmdale Water District

Water and Wastewater, continued

Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District
Pomona Valley Protective Agency
Purissima Hills Water District
Rincon del Diablo Water District
Rosamond Community Services District
Rossmoor Los Alamitos Area Sewer District
Sacramento Suburban Water District
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Santa Margarita Water District
Saticoy Sanitary District
Solano County Water Agency
Soquel Creek Water District
Stallion Springs Community Services District
Summerland Sanitary District
Trabuco Canyon Water District
Tres Pinos Water District
Triunfo Sanitation District
Twentynine Palms Water District
Vallecitos Water District
Valley County Water District
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Victor Valley Water District
Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority
Victorville Water District
Water Facilities Authority - Joint Power Agency
Water Replenishment District
West County Agency
West County Wastewater District
West Valley Water District
Westborough Water District
Western Municipal Water District
Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater
Yorba Linda Water District

Jared Solmons, CPA

Engagement Audit Partner

After completing his degree, Jared went to work for a midsize construction company where he worked as an estimator and project manager before transitioning into more of an accounting and finance role. It was working in this role that led him to the decision to pursue the goal of becoming a Certified Public Accountant. He continues to hone his skills and expand his knowledge as he branches out into different areas of accounting services and working with various governmental agencies and not-for-profit organizations. Jared will be the audit engagement partner and oversee staff as they work together through different audit areas.



Audit Services:

Jared began his career with Nigro & Nigro in 2019 focusing on special districts and not-for-profit organizations. He has a customer-oriented approach to auditing, striving to build strong relationships by working with clients to help them navigate the ever-changing world of accounting rules and standards.

Consulting Services:

Jared has experience with a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting issues, as well as other tax and audit concerns, derived from his audit and consulting experience at the firm.

Special District Accounting:

- Internal control policies, procedures, and best practices
- Year-end closing procedures
- Capital asset and depreciation schedule

Financial Reporting:

- Federal and state compliance
- Single audits
- Revenue and expense tracking by program/grant
- Statement of functional expense
- Compiling financial statements
- Disclosure requirements
- GASB 68 Pensions
- GASB 75 OPEB
- GASB 87 Leases
- GASB 96 SBIA's

Other Agencies Served:

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- East Orange County Water District
- Hi-Desert Water District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Montecito Water District
- North Coast County Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency

Education:

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Finance
California State University,
San Marcos, 2013

Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Public Accountant, California

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff
- Spidell Tax Seminar
- Western CPE Tax update webinars
- In-house training for audit staff (presenter)

Additional Areas:

- Tax preparation
- QuickBooks knowledge

Stacy Macias, CPA

Audit Manager – Federal Compliance

Stacy joined the firm in 2018 as a staff accountant after completing her degree at California State University, Chico and has worked her way up to Audit Manager. Stacy continues to expand her knowledge as she branches out into different areas of accounting services and working with varying governmental and not-for profit clients. Stacy will work under the general direction of the audit partner and oversee staff as they work together through different audit areas.

Audit Services:

Stacy began her auditing career on audit engagements of governmental agencies, and non-for-profit organizations. Stacy enjoys auditing governmental agencies and non-for-profit due to their varying structures and sizes. Stacy truly values customer service and building client relationships. Her friendly demeanor makes clients comfortable in reaching out to her during the audit process or throughout the year.

Consulting Services:

Stacy has experience in a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting, tax, and audit concerns, derived from her audit and consulting experience with those industries.

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Internal control policies and procedures and best practices
- Compiling Financial Statements
- Revenue and Expense tracking by program/grant
- Statement of Functional Expenses
- Capital assets and depreciation schedules
- Disclosure requirements
- Federal and State compliance
- GASB 68 Pensions
- GASB 75 OPEB
- GASB 87 Leases
- GASB 96 SBIA's

Additional Areas:

- Tax preparation
- QuickBooks knowledge

Other Agencies Served:

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- East Orange County Water District
- Hi-Desert Water District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Montecito Water District
- North Coast County Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Accounting
California State University,
Chico, 2018

Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Public Accountant, California

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff
- Spidell Tax Seminar
- Western CPE Tax update webinars
- In-house training for audit staff (presenter)

Anabel Cruz, CPA

Audit Manager

Anabel began her career in public accounting in 2019 with Nigro & Nigro, PC. Previous to joining the firm, she worked as an Accountant at private sector companies. Her audit experience includes audits of governmental and not-for-profit organizations, Anabel values building quality relationships with clients while providing timely and reliable services. Anabel will work under the general direction of the audit partner and oversee staff as they work together through different audit areas.

Audit Services:

Anabel enjoys auditing governmental agencies and non-for-profits due to their varying structures and sizes.

Consulting Services:

Anabel has experience in a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting and audit concerns, derived from her audit and consulting experience with those industries.

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Agreed upon procedures
- Internal control policies and procedures and best practices
- Capital assets and depreciation schedules
- GASB 68 Pensions
- GASB 75 OPEB
- GASB 87 Leases
- GASB 96 SBIA's

Other Agencies Served:

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
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- Hi-Desert Water District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Montecito Water District
- North Coast County Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Finance and Accountancy
California State University, Northridge,
2014

Licenses and Certifications:

- Certified Public Accountant, California

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff
- Spidell Tax Seminar
- Western CPE Tax update webinars
- In-house training for audit staff (presenter)

Tyler Cook

Audit Supervisor

Tyler began his career in public accounting in 2022 with Nigro & Nigro, PC. Tyler's audit experience includes audits of governmental and not-for-profit organizations such as cemeteries, resource conservation districts, water districts, fire protection districts and community service districts. Tyler values building quality relationships with clients while providing timely and reliable services. Tyler is working under the general direction of the Audit Manager.

Audit Services:

Tyler enjoys auditing governmental agencies and non-for-profits due to their varying structures and sizes.

Consulting Services:

Tyler has experience in a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting and audit concerns, derived from his audit and consulting experience with those industries.

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Agreed upon procedures
- Internal control policies and procedures and best practices
- Capital assets and depreciation schedules
- GASB 68 Pensions
- GASB 75 OPEB
- GASB 87 Leases
- GASB 96 SBIA's

Other Agencies Served:

- Calleguas Municipal Water District
- Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- East Orange County Water District
- Hi-Desert Water District
- Oxnard Harbor District
- Montecito Water District
- North Coast County Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Accountancy
BYU Hawaii – 2022
Master's in Accountancy
San Diego State University – 2023

Licenses and Certifications:

- CPA License Candidate

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff

Angelina Paunkov

Audit Senior

Angelina began her career in public accounting in 2023 with Nigro & Nigro, PC. Angelina's audit experience includes audits of governmental and not-for-profit organizations such as cemeteries, resource conservation districts, water districts, fire protection districts and community service districts. Angelina values building quality relationships with clients while providing timely and reliable services. Angelina is working under the general direction of the Audit Supervisor.

Audit Services:

Angelina enjoys auditing governmental agencies and non-for-profits due to their varying structures and sizes.

Consulting Services:

Angelina has experience in a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting and audit concerns, derived from her audit and consulting experience with those industries.

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Agreed upon procedures
- Internal control policies and procedures and best practices
- Capital assets and depreciation schedules
- GASB 68 Pensions
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Education:

Bachelor of Science, Accountancy
California State University, San Marcos,
2023

Licenses and Certifications:

- CPA License Candidate

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff

Valeria Castaneda

Audit Staff

Valeria began her career in public accounting in 2024 with Nigro & Nigro, PC. Valeria’s audit experience includes audits of governmental and not-for-profit organizations such as cemeteries, resource conservation districts, water districts, fire protection districts and community service districts. Valeria values building quality relationships with clients while providing timely and reliable services. Valeria is working under the general direction of the Audit Senior.

Audit Services:

Valeria enjoys auditing governmental agencies and non-for-profits due to their varying structures and sizes.

Consulting Services:

Valeria has experience in a variety of governmental and not-for-profit accounting and audit concerns, derived from her audit and consulting experience with those industries.

Financial Reporting:

- Year-end closing procedures
- Agreed upon procedures
- Internal control policies and procedures and best practices
- Capital assets and depreciation schedules
- GASB 68 Pensions
- GASB 75 OPEB
- GASB 87 Leases
- GASB 96 SBIA's

Other Agencies Served:

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- Oxnard Harbor District
- Montecito Water District
- North Coast County Water District
- Palmdale Water District
- San Geronio Pass Water Agency



Education:

Bachelor of Science, Accountancy
California Baptist University, Riverside,
2024

Licenses and Certifications:

- CPA License Candidate

Continuing Education:

- Government Accounting & Auditing Conference
- Not-For-Profit Organizations Conference
- In-house training for audit staff

PROFILE OF THE FIRM (CONTINUED)


Training & Resources

The Firm is committed to a continuing professional education program, which emphasizes the areas of expertise of each member of our professional staff. The Firm is required to comply with the *Government Auditing Standards* for each professional practicing in the area of governmental accounting and auditing. We are committed to follow those standards, which result in quality audit services, including continuing education for all staff of 60-80 hours each year, specifically in school districts and governmental auditing. As required by *Government Auditing Standards*, all governmental audit staff receives the required continuing education in the area of governmental auditing and accounting. These policies are monitored internally, reviewed annually and certified periodically by independent peer review.

Library facilities are maintained which include current professional literature and specific information for the industries that we serve. The Firm library is also reviewed as part of the external quality review program. The Firm has in-house training programs specific to our school district clients. We also perform auditing and accounting updates for our clients that are organized by our staff. These practices ensure the quality of our staff over the term of the engagement.

Our staff participates in activities relating to government accounting and reporting issues through our membership and involvement with the following organizations:

- a. American Institute of CPA's Governmental Audit Quality Center
- b. California Society of CPAs
- c. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
- d. California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
- e. Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- f. Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)



We recognize that our most important product is prompt and effective service.

Through our participation in these organizations and continuing education provided by them, the Firm continues to stay abreast of all current governmental accounting and reporting issues. Some of the professional education our audit team members have either presented at or attended in the last two years include:

- SSC Annual Finance and Management Conference
- SSC Governor's Budget Workshop
- CSDA Annual Conference
- CSMFO Conference
- GFOA Annual Conference
- Various other governmental workshops

We recognize that our most important product is prompt and effective service. We believe the District should work with its CPA firm throughout the entire year. We are available at any time throughout the year to provide any assistance you may need.

PROFILE OF THE FIRM (CONTINUED)

Similar Engagements with Other Special Districts

We currently conduct over 100+ government audits each year and have well rounded experience with local governmental agencies. We are excited for the opportunity to devote our attention to you and your specific needs. Below is a partial list of some similar governmental clients we are currently auditing.

Please contact our clients for a Reference of our services!

Some of our Water & Wastewater District clients

Costa Mesa Sanitary District – Kaitlin Tran, FM (949) 645-8400

East Orange County Water District – Sylvia Prado, (714) 538-5815

Hi-Desert Water District – Tanya Gruwell, CFO (760) 228-6271

Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District – Dale McDonald, ASM (415) 526-1519

State Water Contractor clients:

Palmdale Water District – Dennis Hoffmeyer, CFO (661) 456-1021

Littlerock Creek Irrigation District – Gina Burroughs, OM (661) 944-2015

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency – Thomas Todd, CFO (951) 845-2577

Other ACFR Preparation Clients:

Scotts Valley Water District – Nicolas Kuns, FM (831) 600-1904

Trabuco Canyon Water District – Michael Perea, AGM (949) 858-0277

Other Water District Clients:

Calleguas Municipal Water District – Dan Smith, MAS – (805) 579-7132

Montecito Water District – Olivia Rojas, BM (805) 969-2271

Rowland Water District – Myra Malner, DF (562) 697-1726

*** Please check the websites of these above noted clients to review the Financials prepared by our Firm.**

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

We will audit the basic financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30th in accordance with the following standards:

- Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America
- *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
- Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines for Special Districts

Our audit will be for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the basic financial statements, and will include such auditing procedures as considered necessary to accomplish this purpose. We will also provide an "in-relation-to" opinion on any other supplemental information and statistical schedules. We anticipate issuing the following reports:

- Independent Auditors' Report on the basic financial statements.
- Independent Auditors' 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*.

In addition, we will provide the District with a management letter that will give written appraisals of its accounting and related systems. This letter will identify any control deficiencies, significant control deficiencies or material weaknesses that are identified during the audit. We will work with management before audit fieldwork and during the course of the audit to assess internal controls and review mitigating controls in place in an effort to reduce the control deficiencies, significant control deficiencies and material weaknesses that need to be reported to management in writing, assuming there are mitigating controls in place. The letter will also offer recommendations for the elimination of weaknesses that we identify, and we will suggest any methods we discover to help improve efficiency and effectiveness.

We will schedule an appearance with the Board and the Audit Committee that allows an opportunity for us to present the audit and management letter. This is an excellent time for the District to resolve any questions it has regarding our audit or management letter. As mentioned earlier, the value in hiring our Firm comes from not only the audit, but from our experience and the education, we can provide. We hope that as questions or concerns arise throughout the year, the District staff will contact us and draw on our knowledge and experience.

Non-significant deficiencies discovered during the audit process shall be reported in a separate letter to management, the Board and the Audit Committee, which shall be referred to in the report(s) on internal controls. This separate letter also informs the Board and the Audit Committee of the following:

- 1) The auditor's responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.
- 2) Significant accounting policies.
- 3) Management judgments and accounting estimates.
- 4) Significant audit adjustments.
- 5) Other information in documents containing audited financial statements.
- 6) Disagreements with management.
- 7) Management consultation with other accountants.
- 8) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention.
- 9) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

All working papers and reports will be retained at the Firm's expense for a minimum of seven (7) years, unless the Firm is notified in writing by the District of the need to extend the retention period.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT(CONTINUED)

Segmentation of Engagement

STEP 1: Planning

Our goal in preliminary fieldwork is to gain a thorough understanding of your internal controls, processes and procedures. Our goal is to accomplish as much interim fieldwork as possible so that our stay during final fieldwork is kept to a minimum. Our preliminary work focuses on planning and internal control documentation.

STEP 2: Interim Field Work

Internal Control Documentation

Our internal control documentation usually occurs during interim fieldwork. Our documentation process will be as follows:

- 1) Gather or update documentation for significant processes defined in our preliminary fieldwork.
- 2) Perform a "walk-through" of these significant processes.
- 3) Ask "what can go wrong" questions.
- 4) Identify controls in place. This will include both preventative and detective controls.
- 5) Evaluate the design of internal controls.
- 6) Decide whether to test and rely on controls.
- 7) Summarize preliminary fieldwork and submit management letter of all areas of concern.

STEP 3: Final Fieldwork

We assess risks, design procedures and obtain evidence to support financial statement amounts and disclosures during final fieldwork. Our Firm utilizes a methodology designed specifically for special districts. Our process emphasizes continuous communication with our staff.

Assess Risks and Design Procedures

As outlined in the risk based statements of audit standards (SAS 104 to 111), our Firm uses a risk-based approach to the audit. Our procedures to assess risks and design procedures are as follows:

- 1) Assess risk of material misstatement from errors or fraud based on internal controls combined with inherent risk of significant accounts.
- 2) Design procedures to test controls if considered necessary.
- 3) Design procedures to test details of account balances and classes of transactions based on risk.

Interim and Year End Testing

- 1) Perform tests of controls if considered necessary.
- 2) Perform tests of details of account balances and classes of transactions.
- 3) Evaluate quality and sufficiency of audit evidence.
- 4) Evaluate misstatements.

STEP 4: Audit Completion

Preparation of Audit Report and Management Letter

After reviewing the financial statements, notes and required supplementary schedules, we will agree the data to our working papers and provide a thorough review of all information by using written Firm standards and checklists. We will also review and incorporate any statistical data. This will verify appropriate presentation and disclosure. We will also at this time prepare our management letter that identifies financial trends and recommendations for improvement, reports required communications to the governing board, and discusses change in the environment in which the District operates.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT (CONTINUED)

Proposed Schedule/Level of Staff & Number of Hours Assigned to Each Segment

We will provide a detailed audit plan and prepare a list of schedules upon proposal acceptance. The following table summarizes our proposed segmentation of the engagement by date, segment, and level of staff as we have estimated based on the RFP timeline:

Date/Segment	Total Hours			Total
	Partner/Manager	Supervisor	Staff/Admin	
Apr/Jun				
Preliminary planning and fieldwork	8	8	10	26
Apr/Jun				
Interim fieldwork	12	10	18	40
Sept/Nov				
Final fieldwork, report preparation, review, finalization, and presentation	26	18	26	70
Total hours	46	36	54	136
Preliminary planning and fieldwork	8	8	10	26
Control	12	10	18	40
Substantive	14	8	26	48
Reporting	12	10	0	22
	46	36	54	136

Sample Size and the Extent to Which Statistical Sampling is to be Used

We perform sampling techniques and determine sample size after assessing the risk associated with specific transaction classes. No single “cookie-cutter” approach will be followed in regards to sampling techniques, but the District can be assured that an appropriate sampling methodology will be utilized. We use the following methods of sampling during our audits: statistical, haphazard, and judgmental. For statistical sampling we use guidance provided by the AICPA and by federal guidelines in accordance with industry standards, which typically recommends sample sizes between 40 to 60 items.

Type and Extent of Analytical Procedures to be Used

We will perform analytical procedures throughout the course of our audit. Professional standards require that analytical procedures be performed in the planning and wrap-up stages of the audit. Analytical review will be used during our expenditure, revenue, budget information as well as many other areas.

These procedures typically entail a review of interim reports, budgets, and comparisons to prior year data. We also use financial statement amounts to calculate certain ratios to determine whether any unusual or unexpected relationships exist in the financial data.

These procedures are then followed by inquiry of key District personnel to corroborate the auditors' expectations based on the data.

SPECIFIC AUDIT APPROACH (CONTINUED)

Approach to be Taken to Gain and Document an Understanding of Internal Control Structure(s)

Our audit approach will entail interviews with key personnel in the District involved in the design and implementation of internal controls. In conjunction with the interviews, we will perform tests and observations of how well the controls function. Key areas of internal control generally include: cash receiving, accounts payable/purchasing, payroll/personnel, technology, facilities, and maintenance and operations.

Approach to be Taken in Determining Laws and Regulations That Will be Subject to Audit Test Work

We are required to obtain an understanding of the possible financial statement effect of laws and regulations that have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. The determination of laws and regulations is addressed in the planning stage through reading available grant documentation, inquiry of the client, a preliminary review of finance system accounts and search of the Board minutes. We also have working knowledge of the types of laws and regulations under which California special districts operate. We also obtain further information about federal laws and regulations through the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and the Uniform Guidance.

Approach to be Taken in Drawing Audit Samples

Since each program or grant agreement is different, we use many different approaches to sampling in our tests of compliance. The size of the sample considers many factors; size and risk of the program, program maturity, complexity, level of oversight and prior audit findings. AICPA Guidelines generally recommend sample sizes of 25, 40, or 60 items when the population is greater than 250. Ultimately, our professional judgment determines that a representative number of transactions have been selected. You can be confident in our judgment because our peer reviews and an outside review by the U.S. Department of Education have all accepted our audit sampling techniques and procedures.

Use of Technology/Remote Proficiency

In order to facilitate the exchange of data between us and our clients in a secured manner throughout the course of the audit, we employ the use of an online secured portal. Our clients have appreciated this unique and forward-thinking platform which helps minimize duplicate requests and unnecessary email and phone exchanges to request and receive audit documentation. The software is very user-friendly and easy to understand. This also allows us to perform much of the audit remotely without being onsite to reduce our carbon footprint.

Proposing Firm Warranties

1. The firm is willing and able to obtain an Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy providing a prudent amount of coverage for the willful or negligent acts or omissions of any officers, employees, or agents thereof.
2. The firm will not delegate or subcontract its responsibilities under an agreement without the express prior written permission of the District.
3. All information provided by the firm in connection with this proposal is true and correct.
4. The firm will acknowledge and agree with all terms and conditions stated in this Request for Proposal.



Paul J. Kaymark, CPA
Audit Services Partner

**COST PROPOSAL
FOR
PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES
Midway City Sanitary District**

**For the Fiscal Years Ending
June 30, 2025-2027
(with option for three subsequent years)**

NIGRO & NIGRO^{PC}

Respectfully Submitted on February 6, 2025 by:

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COST PROPOSAL

Proposed Pricing Per Professional Staff Member

Professional	Hours	Rates		Total	
		Standard	Quoted		
Partner	16.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 225.00	\$	3,600.00
Managers	30.00	225.00	200.00		6,000.00
Seniors	36.00	200.00	175.00		6,300.00
Staff Members	54.00	175.00	150.00		8,100.00
Admin	-	150.00	125.00		-
Subtotal	136.00				24,000.00
Out-of-Pocket - Included in Rates					-
Total Max				\$ 24,000.00	

Fiscal Year	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
District Financials	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 69,000
GANN Limit	500	500	500	1,500
State Controller's Report	500	500	500	1,500
Total	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 72,000

Same Price for FY 2028 to FY 2030

Single-Audit of Federal Funding \$5,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Testimonial

"Few people have the opportunity to work with someone who was a coach and a mentor-but I did when I worked with Paul. I had the pleasure working directly under Paul's supervision and I was particularly impressed by his ability to handle even the toughest clients - and effortlessly. That skill often takes years to develop, but it seemed to come perfectly natural to him. Paul was one of those rare partners who also naturally serve as an inspiring mentor for the whole staff and I was grateful to learn a lot from him."

*Deana Miller
Accounting Manager
PolyCera, Inc.*

Fraud Hotline



Throughout the audit process, we will make available our fraud hotline reporting service at no additional charge over the period of the contract to ensure the District has an effective anti-fraud program.



ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To Nigro & Nigro, PC
and the Peer Review Committee of the California Society of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Nigro & Nigro, PC, (the firm) in effect for the year ended August 31, 2023. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a system review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported on in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing and complying with a system of quality control to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the requirements of applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported on in conformity with the requirements of the applicable professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of and compliance with the firm's system of quality control based on our review.

Required Selection and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Nigro & Nigro, PC in effect for the year ended August 31, 2023, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency (ies)* or *fail*. Nigro & Nigro, PC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Spafford & Hardy, Inc.

May 1, 2024



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DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

1/7/2025

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	INSURER C:		
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	INSURER E:		
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

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CANCELLATION

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

(ASL)

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