

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025

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Commission Membership
June 30, 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date of Original Appt.</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Erica D’Anis	Chairperson, Pediatric General Representative	01/2019	01/2026
Sandra Applegate	Vice Chair, Retired Attorney/Child Welfare Representative	04/2017	01/2026
Tawny Bailey	Second Vice Chair, Chief Operating Officer, Redwood Community Services NP General Representative	06/2025	01/2027
Ben Anderson	Community-Based Organization General Representative	12/2015	01/2028
John Haschak	Board of Supervisors Mendocino County Representative	01/2024	12/2025
Maria May	Pediatric Coastal Representative	10/2022	01/2028
Jenine Miller, Psy.D.	Director of Behavioral Health Mendocino County Representative	01/2021	01/2027
Kristin Hills	Director Early Education and Care Mendocino County Office of Education General Representative	06/2025	01/2027

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
FIRST 5 Mendocino
Ukiah, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the FIRST 5 Mendocino (Commission) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the Commission, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about

the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the

responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The Other Supplementary Information listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 basic 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 Other Supplementary Information listed in the table of contents are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2025, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of the 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* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Jensen Smith
Certified Public Accountants, Inc.
Lincoln, California
October 27, 2025



Management's Discussion and Analysis

On November 3, 1998, California voters approved Proposition 10 – the Children and Families FIRST Act (Act). The Act imposed additional excise tax on cigarettes and tobacco related products to fund programs that promote, support, and improve the early development of children from prenatal through age five. The intent is for all California children to be healthy, to live in a healthy and supportive family environment, and to enter school ready to learn.

The Mendocino County (County) Board of Supervisors created FIRST 5 Mendocino (The Commission) in 1999 under the provisions of the Act. The Commission consists of nine commissioners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Commission is a public entity legally separate and apart from the County, and is not considered a component unit of the County.

As management of the Commission, we offer readers of our financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Commission's basic financial statements. The Commission's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) general fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements.

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Commission's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents summary information on all of the Commission's assets, liabilities, and fund balance with the difference between the two reported as *Net Position*.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Commission's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. earned but unused vacation leave).

The Government-wide Financial Statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements.

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Commission, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Fund financial statements report essentially the same functions as those reported in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, general fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year.

The Commission adopts an annual appropriated budget for its fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The Fund Financial Statements can be found on pages 11-12 of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements.

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and general fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14-22 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. In the case of the Commission, assets exceed liabilities by \$1,754,959 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. This represents resources received from the California State Commission from Proposition 10 taxes and other sources that have not been expended. Cash and investments are maintained bank accounts insured by the FDIC and in the County's cash and investment pool where interest earned on the Commissions balance is apportioned to the Commission. The net position includes significant assets such as the Commission's cash balances of \$1,351,236 and receivables of \$673,025. Accounts Receivable of \$35,159 represents tobacco taxes that were remitted by the State but had not been received by the Commission as of June 30, 2025. Grants and contracts totaled \$637,866 for contracts and grants from the First 5 California Grants and others earned but not received at June 30, 2025. The Commission reported Accounts Payable of \$144,235 representing payments due on grant service contracts and other services provided that had not been expended at year-end.

The Commission's net position increased overall by \$83,390 during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Governmental Activities

The Commission does not have business type activities and so the analysis presented above for the government fund financial statements represents an analysis of the Commission's governmental activities.

Financial Analysis of the Commission's Governmental Fund

As noted earlier, the Commission uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

For the year-ended June 30, 2025, as shown on page 11 and 12 the Commission reported an ending fund balance of \$1,691,067, an increase of \$64,937 during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This increase represents the amount of revenues over expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2025. The surplus is due to the timing of receipts of receivables, as receivables received more than 90 days after year end are not reported in the fund financial statements.

The Commission has a nonspendable fund balance of \$12,050, a restricted fund balance of \$111,044 and committed fund balance of \$1,567,973 for projects and contracts at June 30, 2025.

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Balance Sheet Comparison (in thousands)

	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Assets	\$ 1,934	\$ 1,734	\$ 200
Total Liabilities	243	108	135
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,691</u>	<u>\$ 1,626</u>	<u>\$ 65</u>

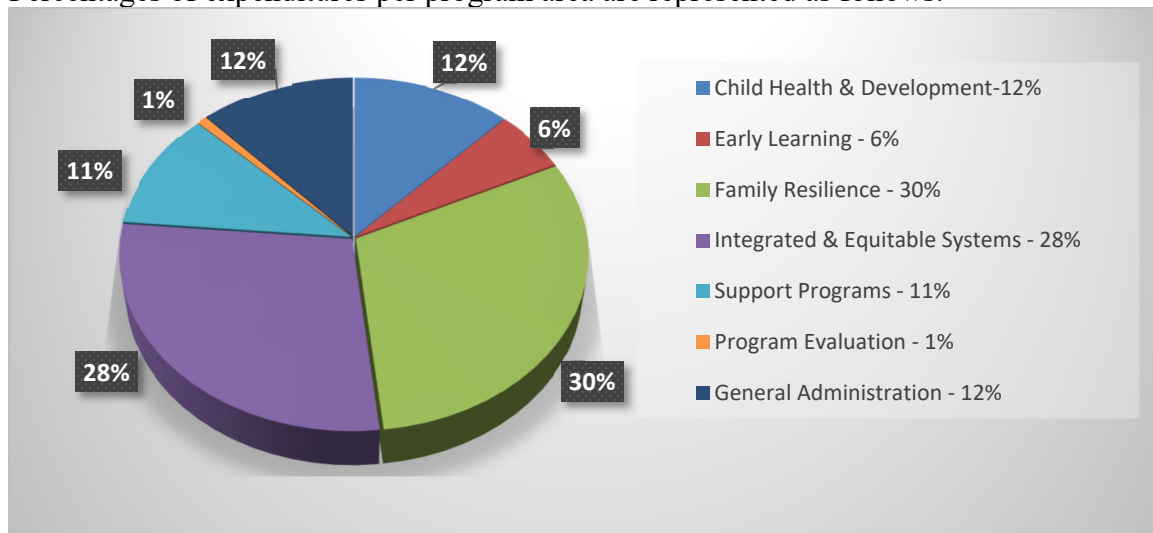
Revenue and Expense Comparison (in thousands)

	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 2,337	\$ 2,481	\$ (144)
Total Expenditures	2,376	2,167	209
Total Other Financing Sources	104	441	(337)
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 65</u>	<u>\$ 755</u>	<u>\$ (690)</u>

Total revenue (see above) consisting of Proposition 10 funds, grant income, interest income, and State Commission matching revenue decreased from \$2,481 thousand to \$2,337 thousand (6%) for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Total expenditures increased to \$2,376 thousand, an increase of \$209 thousand from the prior fiscal year. This increase was due to the increase in grants spent and other programs. In 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 there were new leases signed for office space, this is reflected in the "Other Financing Sources" for \$441 thousand and \$104 thousand, respectively for each year.

Percentages of expenditures per program area are represented as follows.



Fund Budgetary Highlight

Total revenues were over the final budget by 8.16% or \$176 thousand mostly due to the timing of the prior year receivables being reported in the current year for the fund financial statements as well as new grant funding. Expenditures were over the final budget by 5.15% or \$111 thousand. Expenditures for this purpose are reported net of the lease “other financing source” to better reflect activities of the Commission. The expenditures are still within the three year plan. The budget to actual comparison is on page 23 of this report.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets: As of June 30, 2025, the Commission had total capital assets of \$22,989, accumulated depreciation of \$18,583 leaving net Capital Assets of \$4,406. Capital assets are capitalized at cost when the cost exceeds its capital asset threshold of \$5,000. More detailed information about the Commission’s capital assets is presented in Note 4 of the basic financial statements.

Debt Administration: The commission’s long-term debt consists of compensated absences payable totaling \$31,137 and the long term portion of the lease liabilities for the leases on the office and the copier in the amount of \$436,907. Additional information on the leases is presented in Note 5 of the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budget

The Commission is committed to focusing Proposition 10 funds on the purposes for which it is intended: To promote and sustain comprehensive, integrated programs and services that will help to nurture children ages 0-5 so that their young brains and bodies will develop appropriately. The Commission's emphasis is to strengthen and nurture early

childhood systems that promote optimal health and development, narrow disparities, and make improvements through advocacy, education, and support.

In 2025-2026, the Commission will:

- Award grants pursuant to the Strategic Plan 2021-2026.
- Update Strategic Plan to define 2026-2031 priorities.
- Dedicate significant funds to the Family Resource Centers and the Network as efficient methods to serve and support families throughout Mendocino County.
- Continue our contract with a financial services expert to increase our internal controls and improve our fiscal reporting and accountability through implementation of the GFOA guidelines.
- 0.6% interest on the local Children and Families Trust Fund is Projected

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of FIRST 5 Mendocino finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Executive Director, FIRST 5 Mendocino, 419 Talmage Rd., Suite J, Ukiah, CA 95482.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS

	<u>Total</u>
Cash in County Treasury	\$ 994,382
Cash and Cash Equivalents	356,854
Accounts Receivable - State of California	35,159
Grants and Contracts Receivable	637,866
Deposits and Prepaid Expenses	12,050
Lease Assets - ROU, net of accumulated amortization	470,784
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>4,406</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,511,501</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts, Grants and Contracts Payable	144,235
Credit Cards Payable	1,989
Accrued Personnel Costs	14,935
Grant Advances	82,030
Lease Liability ROU- Due within one year	45,309
Long-term Liabilities:	
Lease Liability - ROU	436,907
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>31,137</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>756,542</u>

NET POSITION

Restricted	1,750,553
Unrestricted	-
Invested in Capital Assets, net of accum. depreciation and related debt	<u>4,406</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,754,959</u>

ROU = Right of Use

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

FIRST 5 PROGRAM EXPENSES

	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 1,141,325
Outside Services	341,003
Professional Fees	13,667
Occupancy	35,421
Equipment Lease	487
Meeting Expenses	22,106
Office Expenses	62,552
Postage and Delivery	1,333
Printing and Reproduction	15,077
Outreach	38,677
Training	37,789
Travel	36,881
Memberships	7,324
Insurance	32,383
Interest Expense	20,333
Bad Debt	12,331
Depreciation and Amortization	43,560
Miscellaneous	130
Program Expenses	82,331
Sub-Recipients	338,818
Total Program Expenses	<u>2,283,528</u>

PROGRAM REVENUES

Operating Grants and Contributions:	
State Tax Apportionment	570,317
Surplus Money Investment Funds	2,894
Grant Revenues and Contributions	1,757,626
Other Misc. Revenue	9,049
Total Program Revenues	<u>2,339,886</u>
Net Program Revenues (Expense)	<u>56,358</u>

GENERAL REVENUES

Interest Income	<u>27,032</u>
Change in Net Position	83,390
Net Position - Beginning of Year	1,671,569
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,754,959</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS

Cash in County Treasury	\$ 994,382
Cash and Cash Equivalents	356,854
Accounts Receivable - State of California	35,159
Grants and Contracts Receivable	535,811
Deposits and Prepaid Expenses	12,050
Total Assets	\$ 1,934,256

LIABILITIES

Accounts, Grants and Contracts Payable	\$ 144,235
Credit Cards Payable	1,989
Accrued Personnel Costs	14,935
Grant Advances	82,030
Total Liabilities	243,189

FUND BALANCES

Fund Balances:	
Nonspendable	12,050
Restricted	111,044
Committed	1,567,973
Total Fund Balances	1,691,067
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,934,256

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the (Government - Wide) Statement of Net Position**

Fund Balance - Total Governmental Fund (from above)	\$ 1,691,067
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Revenues received more than ninety days after the fiscal year end are not considered currently available resources and therefore are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds activities.	102,055
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is capitalized as fixed assets and lease assets and depreciated/amortized.	475,190
Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund.	
Compensated Absences	(31,137)
Lease Liability	(482,216)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 1,754,959

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

REVENUES

Operating Grants and contributions:	
State Tax Apportionment	\$ 587,160
Surplus Money Investment Funds	2,894
Grant Revenues and Contributions	1,711,158
Interest Income	27,032
Other Revenue	9,049
Total Revenues	2,337,293

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	
General Administration	281,544
Program Costs	
Child Health & Development	287,893
Early Learning	136,274
Family Resilience	722,587
Integrated & Equitable Systems	668,315
Support Programs	260,637
Program Evaluation	18,801
Total Expenditures	2,376,051

Surplus(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(38,758)
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Office Lease	103,695
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	103,695

Change in Fund Balance	64,937
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Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,626,130
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Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 1,691,067
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See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Net Change to Fund Balance - Total Governmental Fund	\$ 64,937
Total change in net position for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Revenues received more than ninety days after the fiscal year end are not considered currently available resources and therefore are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds activities.	29,625
Loan receivable transactions and Lease payments are not considered expenditures for the Government-wide financial statement - Lease Liability	38,162
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund	
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	(43,560)
Differences on Lease Interest Amortization	1,486
Change in Compensated Absences	(7,260)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 83,390

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Note 1: Nature of the Entity

Reporting Entity

FIRST 5 Mendocino (Commission), originally known as the Mendocino County Children and Families Commission, was established on January 5, 1999 pursuant to Health and Safety Code 130140. The Commission was also established in accordance with the provisions of the California Children and Families First Act of 1998 and by Mendocino County Ordinance No. 4027 and 4049. The Commission is comprised of nine local professionals representing different sectors of the community that impact young children. The members of the Commission are appointed by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

The Commission is responsible for the creation and implementation of a comprehensive, collaborative, and integrated system of information and services to enhance early childhood development. The vision of the Commission is: Mendocino County will have cohesive and resilient communities where all children have equitable access to quality services, support, and opportunities that they need in order to reach their full potential. And the mission of the Commission is: In partnership with our community, we strengthen and nurture early childhood systems that promote optimal health and development, narrow disparities, and improve the lives of children through education, support, and advocacy.

The Commission invests in local programs and services for young children and their families to fill in the gaps in early childhood systems so that families have access to the community-based supports they need.

The Commission includes all activities (operations of its administrative staff and Commission officers) considered to be part of the Commission. The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. These financial statements present the primary government.

Reporting for component units on the Commission's financial statements can be blended or discretely presented. Component units, although legally separate entities, are in substance part of the government's operations. Blended component units are an extension of the Commission and so data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are presented in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the Commission. The Commission has determined there are no entities that meet the definition of a blended component unit or discretely presented component unit.

The financial statements included in this report are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of only the Commission. They are not intended to present the financial position and results of operations of the County of Mendocino taken as a whole.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the primary government (Commission). These statements include the financial activities of the overall Commission.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the Commission's governmental activity. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with the Commission. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of the Commission. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including investment income, are presented instead as general revenues.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when related cash flows take place.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, restricted resources are used only after the unrestricted resources are depleted.

Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurements focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Proposition 10 taxes and investment income are accrued when their receipt occurs within ninety days after the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available. All receivables are expected to be collected within the current year. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Commission gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) value in exchange, include sales taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from sales taxes are recognized when the underlying transactions take place and have met the availability criteria. Revenues from grants, entitlements and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The Commission reports one major governmental fund.

- The General Fund is the Commission's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Non-Current Governmental Assets/Liabilities

GASB Statement No. 34 eliminates the presentation of account groups but provides for these records to be maintained and incorporates the information into the government-wide statement of Net Position.

Accounts Receivable and Grants and Contracts Receivable

This amount represents receivables from First 5 California and other grants and contracts. As of June 30, 2025, the Commission was due \$35,159 from the State of California for Proposition 10, and \$637,866 from state grants and other sources. Management believes its receivables to be fully collectible, and accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue vacation of two weeks per year, with a maximum accrual of 160, 200 or 240 hours depending on the years of service with the Commission. Upon termination, unused vacation, up to accrual limits, is paid off in cash. At fiscal year end, the total vacation liability was \$31,137.

Capital Assets

Capital assets have been acquired for general commission purposes. Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and capitalized at cost or estimated cost where no historical records are available. The Commission defines capital assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are depreciated in the government-wide statements using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 5 years. Capital assets also include lease assets and accumulated depreciation under GASB 84. Additional information regarding leases is noted below in Note 5 below.

Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. The net position is categorized as invested in capital assets (net of related debt), restricted and unrestricted.

- *Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt* – This category groups all the capital assets into one component of net assets. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- *Restricted* – This category represents net assets with external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted* – This category represents net assets of the Commission, not restricted for any project or other purpose.

Fund Balances

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54 *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54) This Statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories as noted below.

- **Nonspendable –**

This category includes elements of the fund balance that cannot be spent because of their form, or because they must be maintained intact. For example,

- Assets that will never convert to cash, such as prepaid items and inventories of supplies;
- Assets that will not convert to cash soon enough to affect the current period, such as non-financial assets held for resale; or
- Resources that must be held intact pursuant to legal or contractual requirements, such as revolving loan fund capital or the principal of an endowment.

- **Restricted –**

This category includes resources that are subject to constraints that are externally enforceable legal restrictions. Examples include.

- Funding from the State Commission or foundations that are legally restricted to specific uses. For example, funds advanced by First 5 CA under specific agreements for services, or matching funds for specific initiatives.
- Funds legally restricted by County, state, or federal legislature, or a government's charter or constitution.
- Amounts collected from non-spendable items, such as the long-term portion of loan outstanding, if those amounts are also subject to legal constraints.
- Funding that has been designated for legally enforceable contracts but not yet spent. This includes multi-year contracts.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

• **Committed –**

Two criteria determine the Committed fund balance:

1. Use of funds is constrained by limits imposed by the government's highest level of decision making. The highest level of decision making for Proposition 10 funds is the FIRST 5 Mendocino Commission.
2. Removal or modification of use of funds can be accomplished only by formal action of the authority (i.e., Commission) that established the constraints.

Both commitments and modifications or removal must occur prior to the end of reporting period; that is, the fiscal year being reported upon. For FIRST 5 organizations, resources in this category would include:

- Resources committed for a future initiative as long as commission action is also required to remove this commitment.
- Resources that have been committed by a commission for specific agreements that have not yet been executed, where commission action is also required to remove this commitment.
- Resources committed as the local match for a State Commission initiative.
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• **Assigned –**

The assigned portion of the fund balance reflects a commission's intended use of resources, which is established either by the county FIRST 5 Commission, a body created by the commission, such as a commission finance committee, or an official designated by the commission (e.g., an Executive Director). The "assigned" component is similar to the "committed" component, with two essential differences, shown in the following table:

Key Differences Between Committed and Assigned Fund Balance		
	Committed	Assigned
A decision to use funds for a specific purpose requires action of FIRST 5 Commission	Yes	No
Formal action of Commission is necessary to impose, remove or modify this constraint and formal action has taken place before end of reporting period)	Yes	No

Another key difference is that the purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the fund itself. Consequently, tobacco tax revenues would not automatically be placed in the "committed" component. Resources that fit into this category include:

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- Appropriation of a portion of existing fund balance sufficient to eliminate a projected deficit in the subsequent year's budget, where the Executive Director may decide whether to use the entire amount.
- Resources assigned to a specific program or project or organization for which the commission has approved a plan or budget.
- Resources approved by a commission for a long-range financial plan where formal approval is not required to modify the amount.

FIRST 5 Mendocino can assign amounts under this category, and may also authorize the Executive Director to assign amounts under this category when that decision is consistent with the approved long-term financial plan.

- **Unassigned –**

This category includes the fund balance that cannot be classified into any of the other categories.

If situations arise where there is a possibility of assignment into more than one category, the committed amount will be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain unreported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3: Credit Risk, Carrying Value and Market Value of Investments

At June 30, 2025, cash is maintained in local banks insured by the FDIC as well as having cash maintained in a pooled fund for investment purposes and held by the County of Mendocino. Accounts at the local bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000.

The Mendocino County Treasury is an external investment pool for the Commission, and the Commission is considered an involuntary participant.

The investments made by the Treasurer are regulated by the California Government Code and by the County's investment policy. The County established a treasury oversight committee to monitor and review the management of public funds maintained in the investment pool in accordance with Article 6 Section 27131 of the California Government Code. The oversight committee and the Board of Supervisors review and approve the investment policy annually.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 3: Credit Risk, Carrying Value and Market Value of Investments (continued)

The County Treasury is accountable to the County Treasury Oversight Committee. The Commission's fair value portion in the pool is the same as the Commission's pool share. The fair value of cash and investments were the same and therefore, no adjustment was necessary for GASB 31 compliance.

The Commission deposits funds in interest bearing accounts with Mendocino County. The Commission does not own any specific identifiable investments in the pool. Information regarding categorization of cash and investments held in the County can be found in the County of Mendocino's financial statements. Investments held in the County's investment pool are available on demand and are stated at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

Note 4: Capital Assets

Changes in Capital Assets for the year ended June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	<u>July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
Vehicles	\$ 22,989	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 22,989
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,284)	(2,299)	--	(18,583)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,705</u>	<u>\$ (2,299)</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 4,406</u>

Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2025, was \$2,299.

Note 5: Leases

Lease agreements are summarized as follows:

<u>Describe</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment Terms</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Total Lease Liability</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2025</u>
Office site	10/1/2024	10 years	\$ 4,050	4.5%	\$431,929	\$ 377,187
Office add	12/1/2024	8.75 years	1,112	4.5%	103,695	98,178
Copier	1/24/2025	5 years	176	4.28%	9,521	6,851
Total Lease Agreements						<u>\$ 482,216</u>

On August 14, 2023, the Commission entered into a lease agreement for office space. The lease commenced October 1, 2024 ending on September 30, 2033. The term is for ten years with a modification option after five years if space needs to be adjusted and has a cancellation option after the seventh year. The lease did not have a stated interest rate so the Commission used the IRS applicable rate for October 2023 for long term loans which was 4.5%. In November 2024, the Commission signed an additional lease agreement for office space commencing December 1, 2024 and ending with the original lease on September 30, 2033 and the same terms as the original lease.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
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Note 5: Leases (continued)

Upon initiation of the lease the in 2023 Commission recorded a lease asset and liability of the fair market value of the lease which was \$431,929. Upon initiation of the additional lease in 2024, the Commission recorded a lease asset and liability of the fair market value of the lease which was \$103,695. The lease assets are amortized over the life of the leases and the amortization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 was \$39,357.

The main office lease payments are \$4,050 per month through September 30, 2024, then the monthly amount increases as follows:

October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027 \$4,275 per month
October 1, 2027 through September 30, 2029 \$4,500 per month
October 1, 2029 through September 30, 2031 \$4,725 per month
October 1, 2031 through September 30, 2033 \$4,950 per month

The additional office lease payments are \$1,112 per month through November 30, 2026, then the monthly amount increases as follows:

December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2027 \$1,148 per month
December 1, 2027 through November 30, 2029 \$1,186 per month
December 1, 2029 through November 30, 2031 \$1,223 per month
December 1, 2031 through September 30, 2033 \$1,261 per month

In January 2024, the Commission entered into a lease agreement for a copier. The lease commenced January 2024 ending on December 2028. The term is for five years. The lease did not have a stated interest rate so the Commission used the IRS applicable rate for January 2024 for midterm loans which was 4.28%.

Upon initiation of the lease the Commission recorded a lease asset and liability of the fair market value of the lease which was \$9,521. The lease asset is amortized over the life of the lease and the amortization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 was \$1,904.

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations and related interest are as follows:

Year ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2026	\$ 45,309	\$ 20,771	\$ 66,080
2027	48,342	18,665	67,007
2028	53,069	16,409	69,478
2029	55,335	13,953	69,288
2030	59,104	11,412	70,516
2031-2034	221,057	17,151	238,208
Total	<u>\$ 482,216</u>	<u>\$ 98,361</u>	<u>\$ 580,577</u>

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Note 6: Functional Allocation of Costs

The Commission allocates costs between administrative, program and evaluation activities. Direct costs are expensed directly to the category. Indirect costs and Personnel costs are allocated based on the amount of time staff spends on each activity.

Costs for the year ended June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Government-Wide</u>
Program	\$ 2,075,706	\$(51,686)	\$ 2,024,020
Administration	281,544	(33,797)	247,747
Evaluation	18,801	(7,041)	11,760
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,376,051</u>	<u>\$(95,523)</u>	<u>\$ 2,283,528</u>

The differences between the general fund statements and the government-wide statements were depreciation expenses of \$2,299, amortization of the lease asset of \$39,775, the change in the accrued vacation time of \$7,260 and the lease debt payments of \$38,162, and the lease expense of \$103,395.

Note 7: Program Evaluation

The Commission spent \$11,760 program evaluation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Note 8: Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability and workers' compensation. Insurance for the Commission is secured through commercial lines for both general liability and workers' compensation coverage.

Note 9: Section 30131.4 of the California Tax & Revenue Code Certification

The Commission has certified that the supplant requirement stated in Section 30131.4 of the California Tax & Revenue Code has been met.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

Events subsequent to June 30, 2025 have been evaluated through October 27, 2025, the date at which the Commission's audited financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events that required disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES
BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amount	Variance With Original Budget
Budgetary Fund Balances, July 1, 2024	\$ 1,626,130	\$ 1,626,130	\$ 1,626,130	\$ -
<u>Resources (Inflows)</u>				
Operating Grants and contributions:				
State Tax Apportionment	569,503	575,187	587,160	11,973
Grant Revenues	1,517,009	1,550,719	1,711,158	160,439
Prop 10 Surplus Money Investment Fund	-	-	2,894	2,894
Interest Income	5,344	5,344	27,032	21,688
Other Revenue	26,335	29,777	9,049	(20,728)
Total Revenues	2,118,191	2,161,027	2,337,293	176,266
<u>Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)**</u>				
Child Health & Development	51,907	165,921	282,812	(116,891)
Early Learning	111,107	160,412	131,473	28,939
Family Resilience	707,637	790,173	683,764	106,409
Integrated & Equitable Systems	527,505	541,599	662,954	(121,355)
Support Programs	256,094	252,003	255,276	(3,273)
Program Evaluation	12,057	9,771	11,688	(1,917)
Administration	240,629	241,148	244,390	(3,242)
Total Expenditures	1,906,936	2,161,027	2,272,357	(111,330)
Surplus(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	211,255	-	64,936	
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,626,130	1,626,130	1,626,130	
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 1,837,385	\$ 1,626,130	\$ 1,691,066	

** Actual figures have been adjusted net of the "other financing sources" of 103,695 to reflect the net impact to the budget for the office lease addition.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

BUDGET AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Commission prepares and legally adopts a final budget on or before June 30th of each fiscal year. The Commission operation, commencing July 1st, is governed by the proposed budget, adopted by the Board of Commissioners in June of the prior fiscal year.

After the budget is approved, the appropriations can be added to, subtracted from or changes only by Commission resolution. All such changes must be within the revenues and reserves estimated as available in the final budget or within revised revenue estimates as approved by the Commission.

An operating budget is adopted each fiscal year on the modified accrual basis. Additionally, encumbrance accounting is utilized to assure effective budgetary control. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end represent the estimated amount of the expenditures ultimately to result if the unperformed contracts in process at year-end are completed or purchase commitments satisfied. Such year-end encumbrances are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent years and included in the subsequent years' budgets. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

The legal level of budgetary control (the level on which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is at the object level. Object levels of expenditures are as follows: salaries and benefits, services and supplies, rent and utilities, retention incentive expenditures, and other program expenditures.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE AND
NET POSITION OF CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
FOR FIRST 5 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

		Revenue CCFC Funds	Expenditures	Change in Position	Net Position Beginning of Year	Net Position End of Year
IMPACT	CCFC Program Funds*	\$ 100,341	\$ 104,830	\$(4,489)	\$(33,853)	\$(38,342)
Small Population County Funding Agreement (SPCFA)	CCFC Program Funds*	\$ 186,684	\$ 165,352	\$ 21,332	\$(21,332)	\$ --

* The SPCFA (\$21,332) and IMPACT (\$33,853) quarterly payments for fiscal year 2023-2024 were not received within ninety (90) days after the fiscal year end. These revenues are reported as revenue in the fiscal year 2024-2025 on the governmental fund financial statements. In 2024-2025, the IMPACT fourth quarter (\$38,342) was not received within ninety (90) days after the fiscal year end and therefore will be reported as revenue in fiscal year 2025-2026.

FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
DETAIL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

FIRST 5 PROGRAM EXPENSES

								Administrative	
	Child Health & Development	Early Learning	Family Resilience	Integrated & Equitable Systems	Support Programs	Program Evaluation	Admin.	Allocated Costs	TOTALS
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 248,640	\$ 11,654	\$ 423,844	\$ 187,136	\$127,462	\$ 13,197	\$ 49,760	\$ 72,372	\$ 1,134,065
Outside Services	15,459	-	-	286,471	37,015	-	-	2,058	341,003
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	600	-	8,225	4,842	13,667
Occupancy	611	-	27,732	185	3,094	-	-	3,799	35,421
Lease Expense	5,081	4,801	39,015	5,361	5,361	7,113	37,155	295	104,182
Meeting Expenses	-	-	1,518	18,945	-	-	1,545	98	22,106
Office Expenses	12,844	-	12,160	17,981	1,524	-	903	17,140	62,552
Postage and Delivery	-	-	59	47	-	-	-	1,227	1,333
Printing and Reproduction	-	-	1,938	5,825	5,804	-	8	1,502	15,077
Outreach	537	-	7,970	30,038	30	-	102	-	38,677
Training	270	-	1,681	31,730	760	-	-	3,348	37,789
Travel	1,336	-	4,268	27,492	33	-	2,199	1,553	36,881
Memberships	75	-	-	250	-	-	5,125	1,874	7,324
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,383	32,383
Interest	356	-	16,054	109	1,789	-	-	3,511	21,819
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	125	-	5	-	130
Equipment Repair and Maint.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bad Debt	-	-	-	4,506	-	-	7,825	-	12,331
Program Expenses	-	30	9,082	33,152	37,468	-	93	2,506	82,331
Sub-Recipients	3,140	120,808	157,425	20,034	37,411	-	-	-	338,818
Debt Service:									
Principal Payments on Lease	622	-	28,080	191	3,129	-	-	6,140	38,162
Administration Allocation	(1,078)	(1,019)	(8,239)	(1,138)	(968)	(1,509)	(8,062)	22,013	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 287,893</u>	<u>\$ 136,274</u>	<u>\$ 722,587</u>	<u>\$ 668,315</u>	<u>\$ 260,637</u>	<u>\$ 18,801</u>	<u>\$ 104,883</u>	<u>\$ 176,661</u>	<u>\$ 2,376,051</u>

See Accompanying Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statements.

**FIRST 5 MENDOCINO
SCHEDULE OF THE STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2025**

The audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 did not report any findings.

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**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
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Commissioners
FIRST 5 Mendocino
Ukiah, 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 and each major fund of FIRST 5 Mendocino (Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 27 2025.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission'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 Commission'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 Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Jensen Smith
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October 27, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Board of Commissioners
FIRST 5 Mendocino
Ukiah, California

Report on Compliance

Opinion

We have audited FIRST 5 Mendocino's (Commission) compliance with the requirements specified in the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office, applicable to the Commission's statutory requirements identified below for the ended June 30, 2025.

In our opinion, FIRST 5 Mendocino complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the California Children and Families Program for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office. Our responsibilities under those standards 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 Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Commission'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 California Children and Families Program.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Commission'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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one 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 Commission's compliance with the requirements of the California Children and Families Program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Commission's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances;
- Obtain an understanding of the Commission'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 State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal controls over compliance. Accordingly, we express no such opinion; and

- Select and test transactions and records to determine the Commission's compliance with the state laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Audit Guide Procedures</u>	<u>Procedures Performed</u>
Contracting and Procurement	6	Yes
Administrative Costs	3	Yes
Conflict of Interest	3	Yes
County Ordinance	4	Yes
Long-range Financial Plans	2	Yes
Financial Condition of the Commission	1	Yes
Program Evaluation	3	Yes
Salaries and Benefit Policies	2	Yes

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

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 on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material noncompliance with a compliance requirement 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 that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention from those charged with governance.

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 State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jensen Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Board of Commissioners
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for your confidence in choosing us for your auditing needs. The audit of the Commission went smoothly even with the delays with the County closing their books

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of FIRST 5 Mendocino for the year ended June 30, 2025, we considered FIRST 5 Mendocino's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

We previously reported on FIRST 5 Mendocino's internal control in our report dated October 27, 2025. This letter does not affect our report dated October 27, 2025 on the financial statements or internal control of FIRST 5 Mendocino.

We want to thank your staff for their assistance in completing the audit. We commend you for the continued support and services you provide to the children in Mendocino County.

We wish you the best in the current year.

Sincerely,



Jensen Smith
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