City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Bill Mushallo, Administrative Services Director

DATE:

April 19, 2011

SUBJECT:

Presentation on the Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

(CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 and to receive and file report.

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: To hear a presentation by Terry E. Krieg, CPA, on the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and to receive and file report.

RECOMMENDATION: By motion, to receive and file report.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is an audited summary report of the financial transactions of the City for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010, ending June 30, 2010. The report is presented to the City Council and designed to provide summary financial information for citizens, other government agencies, municipal lenders and other interested parties. The format of this report complies with the generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP) and reporting requirements of the national Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

 All of the financial detail, policies and procedures of the City were audited by Terry E. Krieg, CPA, according to national generally accepted auditing standards also issued by GASB. In his report, on page 1, Mr. Krieg provides an unqualified opinion of the City financial statements. Below is an excerpt from the Independent Auditor's Report;

"In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Calistoga, California as of June 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

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For this fiscal year, the City revenues exceed \$500,000 in federal related funding and was required to produce a separate review and reporting on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with certain provisions related to federal funding. This is also known as the "single audit" report, which is in addition to the annual audit report.

GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 44 Reporting Requirements

In the June 30, 2004 CAFR, the City was required, for the first time, to implement GASB Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments." GASB established new financial reporting requirements for all state and local governments. These requirements go beyond just reformatting the different financial statements to;

- Changing the accounting measurement focus, scope of reporting different funds and types of inflows and outflows of funds
- Additional statements of net assets and activities and more detailed budgetary comparisons
- Recording types of asset and liability information

In addition, for this CAFR, the City is required to implement GASB Statement No. 44 "Economic Condition reporting: the Statistical Section" requirements which requires specific formatted schedules of information going back ten years or to the implementation of GASB 34 requirements. We have included these schedules with information as of June 30, 2004, the implementation of GASB 34 requirements and to the extent the information is available. In future years, the schedules will be supplemented with additional information as it becomes available.

The June 30, 2010 CAFR continues to comply with the GASB reporting standards. Below is a listing of the different sections in the report:

- Transmittal letter by the City Manager and Administrative Services Director
- Auditor's Report
- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Government-wide financial statements, prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting
- Fund financial statements, consisting of a series of statements that focus on a government's major governmental funds and water/wastewater enterprise funds
- Notes to financial statements
- Required supplementary information, which requires budgetary comparison schedules to be presented
- Supplemental statements
- New Statistical schedules

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Additionally, a significant new feature in the GASB reporting is the recording of infrastructure, such as streets, roads, bridges, streetlights and similar type general assets. The City is not required to record infrastructure assets existing prior to July 1, 2003.

Under the auditing professional standards, the auditor is required to provide a separate communication to the City Council on specific issues regarding the conduct of the audit and other information relating to the financial statements and financial policies and practices of the City. The communication indicates that there were no issues or difficulties in conducting the audit. Attached is the communication for the June 30, 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Completion of CAFR was delayed

City staff completed the process of "closing the City books" during September of last year. This involves reviewing and reconciling all of the 45 funds and over 1,000 separate accounts. During that process, the receivables, outstanding debt, assets and liability accounts are updated, revenue and expenditure accounts are reviewed and correcting journal entries made. Staff also sends out over two dozen confirmation letters and collects other financial and administrative information for the auditor to review.

The audit field work was completed in December, however, the completion of the audit and a draft report was delayed due to the need for completion of a required actuarial valuation report regarding the City's unfunded OPEB liability. The final report was reviewed and completed over the last several weeks for presentation by the auditor to the City Council at this meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Communication to Those Charged with Governance Letter from Auditor
- 2. Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as of June 30, 2010