

**CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR  
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE  
(A Component Unit of the State of California)**

Report to Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

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To the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee  
of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine  
San Francisco, California

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and stem cell fund of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2011.

In planning and performing our audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered CIRM's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of CIRM's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the CIRM'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 combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the second paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness, as defined above.

In addition, professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Governmental Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of the audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 13, 2011. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the information related to our audit as discussed in the Required Communications section of this report.

We would like to express our appreciation to management and staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to our staff during the course of the engagement.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee and management of CIRM and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Macie Mini & O'Connell LLP*

Sacramento, California  
October 17, 2011

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***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by CIRM are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, CIRM changed accounting policies related to fund balance reporting by adopting GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* in fiscal year 2011. We noted no transactions entered into by the CIRM during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no significant sensitive estimates in the financial statements.

***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 17, 2011.

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*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to CIRM’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the CIRM’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.