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**VETERANS AFFAIRS:
REVIEW OF CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF ASSETS TRANSFERRED
DATE OF TRANSFER – NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

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RE: Review of Certified Statement of Assets Transferred Date of Transfer - November 18, 2023


We have completed a review of the Veterans Affairs Department Certified Statement of Assets Transferred (CSAT) form for the incoming official Ralph Duarte, Director of Veterans Affairs, as of the date of transfer of November 18, 2023. The primary objectives of the review were to determine if the CSAT form was accurate, complete and filed timely with the Auditor–Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC).

Our review determined that the form was accurate, however, was not complete nor filed in a timely manner.

We would like to express our appreciation to the personnel at the Department who assisted and cooperated with us during this engagement.

Respectfully submitted,

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Purpose

Each County officer or employee in charge of any office, department, service, or institution of the County, and the executive head of each special district whose affairs and funds are under the supervision and control of the Board of Supervisors or for which the Board is ex-officio, is required to make and file with ATC a complete detailed inventory of all property belonging or pertaining to his/her office after assuming the duties of the office.

Departments are responsible for completing their own CSAT form when there is a change in Department Head. The 2018 Internal Controls and Cash Manual (ICCM) Chapter 17-Transfer of Assets and Other Property states that incoming officials must complete and submit the CSAT form and worksheet to the ATC's Internal Audits Division (IAD).

Scope and Objectives

Our review examined the CSAT form completed by the Department for the incoming official Ralph Duarte, Director of Veterans Affairs, as of the date of transfer of November 18, 2023.

The objectives of our review were to determine whether the form was accurate, complete, and filed timely.

Methodology

The CSAT form and supporting documentation provided by the Department were reviewed to verify that the amounts entered on the CSAT form were correctly stated in accordance with the ICCM Chapter 17-Transfer of Assets and Other Property.

Purpose, Scope, Objectives, and Methodology



The following procedures were performed in accordance with the related ICCM requirements:

ICCM Requirement	Procedure Performed
ICCM Chapter 17-2 states that incoming officials must total all money not held in the County Treasury that the department is responsible for.	Department-provided cash amounts were compared to the cash fund control records.
ICCM Chapter 17-2 states that amounts of all fiduciary funds must be reconciled to the amount as of the transfer date.	Auditor obtained fiduciary fund amounts in SAP (Enterprise Financial Management System) and compared to the amounts provided by the Department, if any.
ICCM Chapter 17-3 states that fixed asset amounts from the quarterly equipment, vehicle, and software reports from General Accounting should be reconciled as of the transfer date.	Department-provided fixed assets amounts were compared to SAP fixed assets reports.

Additionally, we determined whether the annual reporting of sensitive equipment was filed with ATC-IAD, a Signature/Fund Custodian Authorization form was submitted to the ATC Accounts Payable Section, and whether the assigned County credit cards and/or Cal-Cards were canceled with the Purchasing Department.

Summary

The Department reported:

Asset	Amount
Cash	\$ 500.00
Fiduciary Funds	-
Fixed Assets	-
Other Assets	-

A Signature/Fund Custodian Authorization form was submitted to the ATC Accounts Payable Section to cancel the outgoing officer's signature authority. Assigned County credit cards and/or Cal-Cards for the outgoing official were not required to be canceled with the Purchasing Department as the outgoing official did not have a Cal-Card associated to the Veterans Affairs Department. A sensitive equipment listing has been filed with IAD within the last year.

The following conditions were noted:

- The Department submitted the CSAT form on January 16, 2024.
- The CSAT form was incomplete, and the Department did not provide support for any of the reported amounts. The form was completed after IAD contacted the Department.

Conclusion

The Veterans Affairs Department's CSAT form for the incoming official Ralph Duarte, Director of Veterans Affairs, with the transfer date of November 18, 2023, was accurate, however, was not complete nor filed in a timely manner.

We recommend that the Department adhere to the ICCM and submit the required documents in a timely manner.