## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR INTERNAL AUDITS DIVISION



## REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: REVIEW OF CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF ASSETS TRANSFERRED DATE OF TRANSFER - FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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RE: Review of Certified Statement of Assets Transferred Date of Transfer February 24, 2022

We have completed a review of the Registrar of Voters Department (Department)'s Certified Statement of Assets Transferred (CSAT) form for the incoming official Michael Jimenez, Interim Director, as of the date of transfer of February 24, 2022. 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 complete and filed in a timely manner, however, there was an amount that was reported inaccurately.

The Department is responsible for correcting the amount on the CSAT form within 30 days of receipt of this report. The updated CSAT form should be maintained at the department level and available upon request.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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## Purpose, Scope, Objectives, and Methodology



#### **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 within five days 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 Registrar of Voters Department for the incoming official Michael Jimenez, Interim Director, as of the date of transfer of February 24, 2022.

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 them 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 and Conclusion**



#### **Summary**

The Registrar of Voters Department reported:

Asset	Amount
Cash	\$ 1,550
Fiduciary Funds	Two controls and the control of the
Fixed Assets	13,762,474
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 have been canceled with the Purchasing Department. A sensitive equipment listing has been filed with IAD within the last year.

Fixed assets of \$13,762,474 were reported on the CSAT form; however, the amount did not agree to the SAP fixed assets records. The SAP reports from the date of transfer on February 24, 2022, totaled \$14,735,098. Therefore, the amount reported on the CSAT form was \$972,624 lower than official County records.

#### Conclusion

The Department's CSAT form for the incoming official Michael Jimenez, Interim Director, with the transfer date of February 24, 2022, was complete and filed in a timely manner, however, there was an amount that was reported inaccurately.

We recommend that the Department investigate the difference and ensure that department records can be reconciled to official County records for all asset categories.