

Office of the City Auditor

INFORMATION CALENDAR June 26, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and

Members of the City Council

From: Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor

Subject: Outstanding Audit Recommendations

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status of audits whose recommendations are not yet implemented. The attached report includes all City Auditor recommendations whose implementation is the responsibility of the City Manager.

Our March 13, 2007 report to Council listed 19 open audits with 104 outstanding recommendations. As of June 26, 2007, there are 24 open audits with 138 outstanding recommendations. Three additional audits were completed recently. Two audits from 1995, Accounts Payable and Police Cash Receipts, have one outstanding recommendation each. Recent audit work disclosed that these recommendations and related findings, previously reported cleared, appear to be once again a concern.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECT

Most of our audit reports can be viewed on the City Auditor's website at: http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/auditor/currentaudits.htm.

Implementation of the audit recommendations results in reduced risk, increased revenue, and improved internal controls over City assets and resources. Delays in implementation result in inefficiencies, lost or delayed revenue receipt, unacceptable levels of risk, and/or lack of transparent and clear reporting of fiscal/budgetary information.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Government Audit Standards, we are responsible for following up on the outstanding recommendations previously made by the City Auditor's Office and agreed upon by the City Manager. Management is responsible for taking appropriate action to address issues identified in our audit reports. We maintain a database to keep track of our audit findings and recommendations. When departments report to Council the progress in implementing the recommendations, we update our database to reflect their current status.

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Attachment

1: Status Report on Open Audit as of May 31, 2007

Attachment 1

Status Report on Open Audits

Number of Outstanding Recommendations As of May 31, 2007

| | Date of | Scheduled | | | Total Outstanding | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Audit | Council | Partially | Not | Recom- | Recom- |
| Audit Title | Report | Report | Implemented (I) | Implemented (II) | mendations (I)+(II) | mendations |
| Fire Department Audit - Ambulance Billing | 12-Jun-2007 | 30-Sep-2008 | | 18 | 19 | 23 |
| Fire Department Audit - Lost Time and Overtime | 22-May-2007 | 18-Dec-2007 | æ | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Follow-Up Audit of Public Works Construction Contracts | 27-Feb-2007 | 26-Sep-2007 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 23 |
| Seniors and Disabled Home Rehabilitation Loan Program | 23-May-2006 | 18-Sep-2007 | æ | 17 | 20 | 23 |
| Audit of the Association of Sports Field Users | 23-May-2006 | 17-Jul-2007 | æ | S | ~ | 13 |
| Follow-up Cash Receipts / Cash Handling Audit | 16-May-2006 | 22-May-2007 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Limited Tuolumne Camp Staff Review | 07-Mar-2006 | 26-Jun-2007 | æ | П | 4 | ν. |
| Purchase Order Audit - Select Public Works Divisions At the Corporation Yard | 15-Mar-2005 | 04-Dec-2007 | 7 | 1 | κ | 23 |
| Parcel Based Special Taxes, Fees, and Assessments Audit | 15-Mar-2005 | 17-Jul-2007 | 4 | ĸ | 6 | 22 |
| Citywide Contract Compliance Audit | 18-May-2004 | 04-Dec-2007 | - | κ | 4 | 18 |
| FUND\$ Change Management Audit | 04-May-2004 | 18-Dec-2007 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 23 |
| Accounts Payable Audit | 16-Dec-2003 | 30-Apr-2008 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 16 |
| Information Systems General Controls Audit | 16-Sep-2003 | 18-Dec-2007 | 2 | 1 | κ | 27 |

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| Customer Service Cash Receipts / Cash Handling Audit | 08-Apr-2003 | 31-May-2008 | 4 | | 5 | 23 |
| Cash Receipts/Cash Handling Audit - Treasury | 17-Sep-2002 | 22-May-2007 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Cash Receipts/Cash Handling Audit - Parks, Recreation & Waterfront | 17-Sep-2002 | 31-Dec-2007 | П | 1 | 7 | 20 |
| Police Staffing Audit | 30-Apr-2002 | 31-May-2008 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Business License Tax Audit Report For Year Ending June 30, 1999 | 11-Apr-2000 | 22-May-2007 | П | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Departmental Budget Monitoring Audit | 23-Nov-1999 | 24-Apr-2007 | v | 1 | 9 | 15 |
| Safety Members Pension Fund Audit for The Year Ended June 30, 1998 | 20-Apr-1999 | 24-Apr-2007 | 0 | 5 | ς. | ∞ |
| Public Works Grants Audit | 16-Sep-1997 | 30-Apr-2008 | 0 | 1 | 1 | ∞ |
| Review of the Residential Rental Inspection Program | 11-Mar-1997 | 18-Sep-2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Accounts Payable Audit (Dated September 26, 1995) | 26-Sep-1995 | None | 0 | 1 | 1 | ∞ |
| Berkeley Police Department Cash Receipts Audit | 12-Sep-1995 | None | 0 | - | 1 | 17 |
| TOTAL 24 Audits | | | 47 | 91 | 138 | 388 |