



Office of the Auditor-Controller
Specialty Accounting Division

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Compliance Report covering:
2014/15 Annual Financial Reports
2015/16 Annual Budgets



Sherpa Fire viewed from Farren Rd. Courtesy of Glenn Beltz

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Annual Financial Reports - 2014/15

Background:

Government Code §26909 requires the county auditor to either perform or contract with a certified public accountant or public accountant to perform an annual audit of every special purpose district within the county for which an audit is not otherwise provided. These audits must meet State Controller minimum requirements in addition to generally accepted auditing standards. The audit report must be submitted to both the State Controller and county auditor within 12 months of the end of the State fiscal year or years under examination.

Compliance Report:

Two districts did not meet the annual 365 day legal deadline. For FY 2014/15, 23% of the districts completed their financial reports within 120 days of the fiscal year end, while in FY 2013/14, 26% completed their financial reports within the 120 days. An **unmodified opinion** means the financial statements are fairly presented. A **disclaimer** of opinion indicates that an opinion could not be expressed by the independent auditor for reasons explained in the independent auditor's report that accompanies the entity's financial statements.

<u>Special Districts</u>	<u>Audited by</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	James L. Hayes, CPA & Associates	07/30/2015	Unmodified
Lompoc Valley Medical Center	JWT & Associates, LLP	09/14/2015	Unmodified
Oak Hill Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	10/05/2015	Unmodified
Mission Hills Community Services District	Glenn Burdette Attest Corporation	10/06/2015	Unmodified
Santa Ynez Community Services District	Fedak & Brown, LLP	10/15/2015	Unmodified
Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District	Fechter & Company	10/22/2015	Unmodified
Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	10/23/2015	Unmodified
Goleta Water District	Brown Armstrong	10/23/2015	Unmodified
Goleta Sanitary District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	10/27/2015	Unmodified
Goleta Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	10/30/2015	Unmodified
Montecito Sanitary District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	11/09/2015	Unmodified
Goleta West Sanitary District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	11/13/2015	Unmodified
Carpinteria Sanitary District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	11/19/2015	Unmodified
Montecito Fire Protection District	Fechter & Company	11/30/2015	Unmodified
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	12/03/2015	Unmodified
Mosquito & Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	12/04/2015	Unmodified
Santa Maria Public Airport District	Fedak & Brown, LLP	12/08/2015	Unmodified
Vandenberg Village Community Services District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	12/08/2015	Unmodified
Carpinteria Valley Water District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	12/09/2015	Unmodified
Los Alamos Community Services District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	12/09/2015	Unmodified
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District	McGowan Guntermann	12/09/2015	Unmodified
Summerland Sanitary District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	12/10/2015	Unmodified
Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System	Brown Armstrong	12/14/2015	Unmodified
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	12/16/2015	Unmodified
Santa Maria Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	12/29/2015	Unmodified
Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	01/10/2016	Unmodified
Lompoc Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	01/13/2016	Unmodified
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District	Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	01/21/2016	Unmodified
Montecito Water District	Fedak & Brown, LLP	02/16/2016	Unmodified
Cuyama Community Services District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	02/19/2016	Unmodified
Cachuma Resource Conservation District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	02/22/2016	Unmodified
Casmalia Community Services District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	02/25/2016	Unmodified
Isla Vista Recreation & Park District	Barlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP	03/30/2016	Unmodified
Cuyama Valley Recreation District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	04/01/2016	Unmodified
Los Alamos Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	06/03/2016	Unmodified
Guadalupe Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	06/10/2016	Unmodified
Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	06/28/2016	Unmodified
Carpinteria Cemetery District	Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP	10/04/2016	Unmodified
Santa Rita Hills Community Services District ¹	N/A	N/A	N/A

Recommendations:

- We recommend that all the districts strive to compile their financials within 120 days of fiscal year end to ensure timely and relevant financial reporting to users of the financial statements.
- Districts should also work toward achieving an unmodified ("clean") opinion on their financial audits.

¹As of December 5th, 2014 Santa Rita Hills Community Service District no longer has a board of directors, and as a result is not currently operating.

Annual Budgets - 2015/16

Background:

The filing of local agency budgets and related exemptions is governed by Government Code §53901 which states "Unless exempted by the county auditor **60 days after the beginning of its fiscal year [July 1st], every local agency, including every special purpose assessing or taxing district with the county shall file with the county auditor... a copy of its annual budget."**

The adoption of final budget for **fire protection districts** is governed by Health and Safety Code §13895 which states "**On or before October 1 of each year...** the board shall adopt a final budget. A copy of the final budget shall be forwarded to the auditor of each county in which the district is located."

Compliance Report:

38 of the 39 Santa Barbara County Independent Special Districts & other reporting agencies provided their fiscal year 2015/16 budget to the County Auditor's Office. 38 of the 39 of the districts' budgets were approved by the 60 day legal due date.

Special District

Approved

Los Alamos Community Services	04/22/2015
Local Agency Formation Commission	05/07/2015
Mosquito & Vector Management District	05/14/2015
Goleta Water District	05/20/2015
Mission Hills Community Service	05/20/2015
Goleta West Sanitary	06/02/2015
Carpinteria Valley Water District	06/03/2015
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	06/03/2015
Carpinteria Cemetery	06/08/2015
Guadalupe Cemetery	06/08/2015
Montecito Sanitary District	06/08/2015
Goleta Cemetery	06/09/2015
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District	06/09/2015
Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District	06/10/2015
Summerland Sanitary	06/11/2015
Casmalia Community Services District	06/12/2015
Goleta Sanitary District	06/15/2015
Cachuma Resource Conservation	06/16/2015
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, No.1	06/16/2015
Santa Ynez Community Service District	06/17/2015
Air Pollution Control District	06/18/2015
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	06/18/2015
Carpinteria Sanitary District	06/23/2015
Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System	06/24/2015
Lompoc Valley Medical Center	06/25/2015
Santa Maria Public Airport District	06/25/2015
Montecito Water District	06/30/2015
Los Alamos Cemetery	07/01/2015
Vandenberg Village Community Services	07/02/2015
Santa Maria Cemetery	07/13/2015
Cuyama Community Service District	07/16/2015
Oak Hill Cemetery	07/30/2015
Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District	08/06/2015
Cuyama Valley Recreation	08/20/2015
Isla Vista Parks and Recreation	08/20/2015
Lompoc Cemetery	08/26/2015
Carpinteria-Summerland Fire	09/15/2015
Montecito Fire Protection	09/28/2015
Santa Rita Hills Community Service	N/A

Recommendations:

- For the quality of districts' budgets to continue to meet State legal requirements, the State Controller's standards must be followed in preparing and adopting the districts' budgets.

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