

COUNTY OF VENTURA | CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2022-23

I am pleased to present "The Year in Review" to highlight important accomplishments of the Internal Audit Division for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This report reflects information within our *Report on Prior Year Performance* provided to the Board of Supervisors on September 12, 2023.

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- Issued <u>13 audit reports</u> containing <u>87 recommendations</u> to strengthen areas including human resources policies and complaint investigation procedures, collection of fees, and oversight of pesticide use reporting.
- Obtained a 92% agreement rate with departments to implement recommended corrective actions.
- Identified \$439,876 in cost savings/avoidance or revenue enhancement opportunities.
- Handled 80 new issues identified through the Employee Fraud Hotline.
- Completed participation in **reciprocal peer reviews** of other local government audit organizations to share best practices and minimize costs for our next peer review in 2024.
- Continued the **Control Self-Assessment Program** by providing feedback on all 6 department self-assessments completed during FY 2022-23 and validating the internal controls reported by 2 departments.
- Compiled the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the County's FY 2021-22 Single Audit.
- Reviewed **20 audits of Federal award subrecipients** for compliance with audit reporting standards.
- Monitored the audits of over 90 special districts and joint powers authorities.

For further details about these and other audit-related matters, please contact us as noted above or visit our website https://www.ventura.org/auditor-controllers-office.

These accomplishments were made possible by our outstanding team of Internal Auditors, which, as of June 30, 2023, included:

Carlo Aldeguer Johanna Garcia
Ruben Alvarez Randy Mitchell
Maria Arndt Jennifer Pedreira

Shannon Perrevclear

