

OIG Investigative Findings

Control Breakdowns, Accountability
Actions, and Transparency Gaps



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\$1.7M Recovered Forensic Look at Force Account Tagging



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Forensic Look at Force Account Tagging



Investigation Background

- Received an anonymous whistleblower complaint
- Allegations involved improper billing for labor, hours, and equipment
- Review focused on force account tagging practices on a major capital project

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Key Issues Identified

- Approximately \$1.7 million in force account billings lacked required verification
- Tags were signed retroactively or by inspectors not present on site
- Verification responsibilities were not consistently carried out

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OIG Actions & Results

- Investigation led to combined contractor settlements totaling \$1.7M to recover identified amounts.
- Management avoided litigation by reaching settlement agreements.
- Adoption of a suspension and debarment policy to strengthen oversight of contractors going forward.



Transparency & Communication Gaps in BSVII Project



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Investigation Background

Whistleblowers alleged potential waste on the BSVII project and non-compliance with the BSVII Comprehensive Agreement when BART agreed to a single-bore tunnel.



Key Issues Identified

Gaps in transparency and communication, including limited public discussions in recent years, limited good governance and resulted in mixed messaging on the project that has developed over decades.



OIG Recommendation

Improve transparency through consistent, detailed public reporting to the Board on project status, design decisions, and compliance with governing criteria. Management agreed.

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Time Theft

An employee worked for another public employer while on BART time. We identified a loss of \$993.17, and the now former employee repaid BART.



Timekeeping Controls

300 employees use Webclock to clock in & out remotely, but no policies or instructions on its use existed. Management agreed to implement policies.

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Misreported Time

Workplace flexibilities & limited evidence prevented concluding on allegation that employee routinely left work early while claiming a full shift; we shared available information with management.



Kickback & Measure RR Misuse

Kickback allegation based on hearsay; witnesses had no direct knowledge of such a scheme. We determined Measure RR misuse is best addressed in a future audit.



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