

OIG Investigative Findings



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Proportional Billing Practice Distorts Actual Project Costs

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Investigation Background

- Whistleblower complaint received
- Allegation: improper billing on completed project
- Review focused on consultant billing practices across multi-project workplans

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Key Issues Identified

- Costs billed to completed projects
- Invoices lacked supporting documentation
- “Proportional billing” used instead of actual labor tracking
- Practice observed across multiple firms



What's the Risk?

- Distorts true project costs
- Reduces transparency
- Risks misuse of restricted funds
- Creates potential fraud risk

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Findings

- Practice violated contract requirements
- No clear evidence BART formally authorized it
- Practice may have been informally allowed

Recommendations

- Discontinue proportional billing
- Evaluate applicability of CA False Claims Act
- Assess potential vendor restrictions



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Investigations Completed

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Addressed Through Grievance Process

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Unsubstantiated

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No Recommendations Issued

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Time Theft Allegations

No evidence supported claims that employees were not working full shifts or committing time theft, and in some cases, concerns had already been addressed by management.



Hiring & Workplace Fairness

A hiring panel conflict was properly disclosed, and overtime favoritism concerns were not supported by available data; related concerns were referred to appropriate channels.

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Misuse of Resources

We found no evidence that equipment was improperly stored or that District resources were being misused.



Workers' Compensation Fraud

Allegations of workers' compensation fraud were not substantiated after review of available evidence.



Referred or External Matters

Wage disputes & personnel issues addressed through grievance procedures or referred to the appropriate departments.



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