

## **Audit Recommendations Follow-Up Report**

For the Period August 29, 2009 Through December 4, 2009

**Project #10-08** 

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#### SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

#### Memorandum

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This audit was performed pursuant to the Inspector General's authority set forth in Chapter 20.055, F.S. Enclosed is the subject report that was conducted to assess the progress made in implementing audit recommendations.

In our efforts to continue to improve the audit process we utilize an audit recommendations tracking database as an integral part of monitoring the implementation status of audit recommendations. This database contains the basic audit information and recommendations. This system provides us with a vehicle to communicate and gather feedback on the status of the audit recommendations with the Governing Board, District management and the audited department/office.

Tim Beirnes, Director of Auditing, prepared this report. Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed report, please feel free to call me at (561) 682-6128.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Audit recommendations target the economy and efficiency of District operations and compliance with our policies and statutory responsibilities. Our recommendations also focus on providing District management with suggestions that facilitate their achievement of program goals and objectives. To be effective, audit recommendations must be implemented. Additionally, *Government Auditing Standards* require following up on audit recommendations in previously issued audit reports. Accordingly, the Inspector General's Office periodically surveys departments to determine the implementation status of recommendations and to encourage their completion. This information is maintained in the Inspector General's audit recommendation tracking database. The system allows each audit staff member to update the recommendation's "status" after reviewing information provided by the departments and offices.

This report on the implementation status of audit recommendations is for the period August 29, 2009 through December 4, 2009 (the "Reporting Period"). As shown in Exhibit 1, as of August 29, 2009 there were six (6) recommendations that were not yet fully implemented, consisting of four (4) that were In-Process and two (2) that were Partially Implemented. Since then, one (1) of these recommendations has been fully implemented. As of December 4, 2009, five (5) remain in various stages of implementation, consisting of three (3) that are In-Process and two (2) that are Partially Implemented.

During the Reporting Period, 8 recommendations were added from two (2) newly issued reports. As of December 4, 2009, seven (7) of these recommendations have been fully implemented and one (1) has been partially implemented. In total from all reports, there are currently six (6) recommendations that are In-Process of being implemented or have been Partially Implemented as of December 4, 2009.

There were no recommendations changed to the "No Longer Applicable" status during the current Reporting Period. The "No Longer Applicable" category includes items where conditions have changed subsequent to issuance of the audit report that rendered the recommendation no longer relevant, such as:

- Alternative compensating controls have been put in place.
- A decision was made to implement a new system that will address the issue making it impractical to retrofit the existing system.
- The policy, statute, or rule has changed.
- Change in strategic direction.

No recommendations fell into the "Not Implemented" category for the current and the previous report.

Following is a brief description of the attached exhibits:

- Exhibit 1: This Exhibit displays a summary of recommendation statuses for all audit reports with recommendations in process of implementation. Exhibit 1 also shows the changes in the status of recommendations from the beginning of the period to the end of the period.
- Exhibit 2: This Exhibit shows a summary of the changes in the status of recommendations by each audit report. Exhibit 2 shows only those audit reports that contained one or more recommendations that had not been fully implemented at the beginning of the reporting period.
- Exhibit 3: This exhibit displays detail information regarding the status of each audit recommendation. This includes the status of the recommendation for the prior reporting period and the status at the end of the current period. The comment column provides narrative information regarding implementation progress.
- **Exhibit 4**: This exhibit is a report printed directly from our Access database that contains additional information.

#### **EXHIBIT 1**

#### **Summary of Recommendations Status**

As of December 4, 2009

	In	Partially	
Prior Period Reports	Process	Implemented	Total
Status Beginning of Period	4	2	6
Implemented or Partially Implemented During Period	(1)		(1)
Remaining Recommendations to be Fully Implemented	3	2	5
Reports Issued During Current Period			
New Recommendations*	8	-	8
Implemented or Partially Implemented	(8)	1	(7)
Remaining Recommendations to be Fully Implemented		1	1
Current Status			
Remaining Recommendations to be Fully Implemented	3	3	<u>6</u>

<sup>\*</sup> Initial Status is set as "In-Process"

EXHIBIT 2
Audit Reports With Implementation of Recommendations in Progress
As of December 4, 2009

Audit		No. of		In	Partially	No Longer		
No.	Audit Title	Recs		Process	Implemented	Applicable	Implemented	1
	Recommedations - Prior Period Reports				-			
06-19	Audit of the KRR Restoration Project In-		Prior Period Status	1	1	0	8	<u> </u>
	Kind Credit Request Process	10	Change in Status	0	0	0	0	Open
			Current Period Status	1	1	0	8	l°
07-36	Audit of the Information Technology		Prior Period Status	1	0	0	1	٦
	Department	2	Change in Status	0	0	0	0	Open
			Current Period Status	1	0	0	1	l°
08-12	Review of the GEPS Services Contracts		Prior Period Status	1	0	0	2	Ę
		3	Change in Status	0	0	0	0	Open
			Current Period Status	1	0	0	2	١
08-18	Audit of the Administration of Wireless		Initial Status	1	0	0	6	ete
	Communication Devices	7	Change in Status	-1	0	0	1	Complete
			Current Period Status	0	0	0	7	ပိ
08-23	Audit of the Procurement Card Program		Initial Status	0	1	0	5	Γ_
00 _0		6	Change in Status	0	0	0	0	Open
			Current Period Status	0	1	0	5	O
	Recommendation - Report Issued During Current Period							
08-09	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel		Initial Status	5	0	0	0	
	Inventory	5	Change in Status	-5	1	0	4	Open
	,		Current Period Status	0	1	0	4	0
09-15	Review of the General Engineering and		Initial Status	3	0	0	0	te
	Professional Services Contracts	3	Change in Status	-3	0	0	3	l du
			Current Period Status	0	0	0	3	Complete
	Recommendations - All Reports							Г
			Prior/Initial Status	12	2	0	22	Î
	TOTAL	36	Change in Status	-9	1	0	8	1
			Status Current Period	3	3	0	30	1
	Number of Recommendations Remaining to Be Fully Implemented	6		3	3			

Prior Period = As of August 28, 2009

#### **EXHIBIT 3**

### Detail of In-Process and Partially Implemented Audit Recommendations As of December 4, 2009

Audit	Rec		Status Prior	Status Current	Due	Date		Management	Current Period Comments
No.	No.	Audit Title	Report	Report	Original	Revised	Recommendation	Response	Regarding Status
06-19		Restoration Project In-Kind Credit Request Process		In Process	12/31/2007	3/31/2010	environmental assessments and submit a claim for these expenses as construction costs.	by a separate Project Cooperative Agreement, which outlines cost-sharing responsibilities for the project. Currently, there is no provision to balance the 50/50 cost-share across all of the projects. This sets up a situation where the USACE is required to request cash contributions for some projects and provide reimbursement for others. In the upcoming Water Resource Development Acts or Appropriation Bills, the District will attempt to get Congress to authorize the USACE to balance the 50/50 cost-share across all projects with the District. This would eliminate the need for cash contributions and reimbursements	Finance staff has been assisting the Kissimmee Division in preparing their USACE construction costs submission, including environmental risk assessment costs. The changeover to SAP in 2004-2005 posed a minor challenge to reconciling costs, but it is anticipated that submissions from 2005-2009 will be provided to the USACE by the early 2010 if not sooner.
06-19			,	Partially Implemented	12/31/2007	3/31/2010		Agree. Watershed Management now uses P3E project management software for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project and updates are made monthly to reflect budget expenditures.	The changeover to SAP in 2004-2005 posed a minor challenge to reconciling costs, but it is anticipated that submissions from 2005- 2009 will be provided to the USACE by the early 2010 if not sooner.
07-36	1	Audit of the Information Technology Department	In Process	In Process	10/30/2009	Unable to Determine	employees for IT positions considered permanent and ongoing.	We agree that the addition of the 39 FTEs to cover core functions that are currently performed by contractors would result in a savings of approximately \$2.6 million dollars per year on an ongoing basis. We would prefer to have FTEs performing these core functions because we believe our staffing model would be more stable. We also recognize that there may be limitations to the number of FTEs that can be added at this time.	The IT Department agrees with this recommendation; however, the Executive Office is in discussion regarding the feasibility of implementing this recommendation and they have taken the lead for this recommendation.

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08-09	1	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory	In Process	Implemented	9/30/2009	9/30/2009	to include a requirement that fuel truck driver reattaches the hose to the truck's emptied fuel compartment to ensure that all fuel is unloaded.	Operations and Maintenance management communicated to all District staff receiving fuel that fuel truck drivers must reattach the hose to the truck's emptied fuel compartment to ensure that all fuel is unloaded. This has been added to our processes and procedures.	Recommendation implemented by time of final report issuance.
08-09	2	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory	In Process	Partially Implemented	9/30/2009		Emergency/Security Management.	New fences will be deferred to future years due to FY2010 budget constraints. For security systems, we will coordinate with Security Management to have them budget for these systems in future years.	Management Response: Sixty two (62) sites were surveyed for physical security measures with a focus on fencing and lighting. Eighty nine percent (89 %) of sites are now compliant and progress is being made on others. Field stations will continue fencing and lighting efforts in FY10. O&M will partner with security managers to assure that reasonable, economical measures are taken to assure security of our facilities.
08-09	3	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory	In Process	Implemented	9/30/2009		General Ledger to record all fuel adjustments resulting from system reconciliations.	Currently, there is a SAP report which segregates the gallons and the dollar value of each adjustment from reconciliations that was made to the fuel accounts. Through this report, Operations and Maintenance management can oversee the fuel accounts and monitor these adjustments. An additional general ledger account is not needed.	Recommendation implemented by time of final report issuance.
08-09	4	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory	In Process	Implemented	9/30/2009		reconciliations. Amend fuel inventory procedures for O&M	Reconciliation spreadsheets are prepared monthly to verify fuel balances. Accounting and the Operations and Maintenance Department will coordinate year end fuel inventories.	The monthly fuel account reconciliations are performed as noted below for Item #5 and are considered adequate for the year-end inventory control.

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08-09	5	Review of Internal Controls Over Fuel Inventory	In Process	Implemented	9/30/2009	9/30/2009	reconcile tank quantities monthly.	Operations and Maintenance management will monitor adjustments to fuel accounts. Any excessive variances between fuel measured by the District's automated tracking system and the contractor's bill of lading will be researched.	Monthly fuel reconciliation are performed on District tanks. TRAK software system is used for reconciliation of Field Station dispensing of fuel vs. SAP. Pump station fuel delivery reconciliation is accomplished by delivery tickets vs. the automated Veedor Root system. Any variances greater than 50 gallons per 3000 gallons are reported to the Inspector General and investigated.
08-12	3	Review of the GEPS Services Contracts (2008)	In Process	In Process	11/1/2010		additional staff positions in order	recommendation; however, the addition of	Procurement agrees with this recommendation; however, the Executive Office is in discussions regarding the feasibility of implementing this recommendation and they have taken the lead for this recommendation.
08-18	1	Audit of the Administration of Wireless Communication Devices	In Process	Implemented	8/14/2009		policies and procedures pertaining specifically for cell phones, Blackberries, and air cards. In addition, ensure employees and contract workers have a clear	pertains specifically to cell phones, Blackberries, and air cards. The IT staff will	The Wireless Device Use procedure was approved by the Executive office on September 2, 2009 and was sent to the external vendor Municipal Code Corporation for posting by the District Clerk's Office on September 9, 2009.

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09-15	1	Review of the GEPS Services Contracts (2009)	In Process	Implemented	3/31/2010	3/31/2010	Take steps to ensure that project managers and Procurement's contract specialists verify that all work order costs are calculated accurately. In addition, remind project managers and contract specialist to use the correct labor rates and that direct costs should be itemized and not be based on a percentage of labor costs.	Management agrees with the audit findings. Management plans to continue requiring multiple reviews of costs proposals and other work order cost related documentation by technical staff and contract specialists to prevent future errors. In addition, Procurement has instructed all contract specialists that all direct costs should be itemized and reviewed for compliance with the contract.	Procurement agrees with the audit findings and notes the following:  WO 460000773-WO02 In accordance with District practice, the contract specialist and the four member technical team reviewed the cost proposal spreadsheet submitted by the consultant. Not one of the five was able to detect an error which occurred because of a formula error in one cell. It is our recommendation that duplicate checks and reviews continue to be made to cost proposals submitted by consultants.  WO 4600000774-WO01 The labor category title in this work order is similar to two titles in the contract rate schedule. A chief consulting geotechnical engineer rate. Once detected, appropriate steps were taken to correct the error and no overcharges occurred. Again, multiple reviews by technical staff and the contract specialist should eliminate this type of error.  WO 460000933-WO01 & WO02 The Department will work on consistency in reviewing cost proposals. However, if a consultant submits a proposal using an earlier year's rate for both years, we do not necessarily correct cost submittals for work crossing fiscal years.  WO 4600000895-WO02 The Department has instructed all contract specialists that all direct costs will be itemized and reviewed for compliance with the contract. A percentage of total costs will not be used to determine direct costs.
08-23	4	Audit of the Procurement Card Program	In Process	Partially Implemented	3/30/2009	3/31/2010	Include procedures covering emergency cards in the User's Manual and the Article II Procurement Card Procedures.	Procurement concurs with this recommendation. Staff will add written emergency card usage procedures to the User's Manual. Written procedures will also be added to the Procurement Manual.	Procurement concurs with this recommendation. Staff will add written emergency card usage procedures to the User's Manual and Article II of the Procurement Card Procedures. Additionally, these written procedures will also be added to the Procurement Manual. Since the recommendation will require Governing Board approval, staff is currently seeking DLT direction as to whether to take this single procedure change to the Governing Board or wait to group this with some other items that would also require Governing Board approval.

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09-15		Review of the GEPS Services Contracts (2009)	In Process	Implemented	9/30/2011		Consider taking appropriate action to ensure that prime contractors who are behind falling their SBE utilization goals will increase utilization in future work orders. Further, develop a more effective method for monitoring prime	recommendation. Procurement's SBE Section has adopted the Inspector General's General Engineering and Professional Services SBE Utilization Excel spreadsheet as a tool to track proposed SBE subcontractor utilization by work order. In addition, utilization of SBE subcontractors are monitored as work orders are issued and via an SBE subcontractor payment verification process. Further, the SBE Office is continuing to pursue customized SAP functionality to	Procurement's SBE Section has adopted the Inspector General's (IG) General Engineering and Professional Services (GEPS) SBE Utilization Excel spreadsheet as a tool to track proposed SBE subcontractor utilization by work order. This spreadsheet compares the SBE contract goal to the SBE work order goal. However, it should be noted that the District tracks payments to the prime and reported payments to SBE subcontractors to calculate SBE utilization over the entire contract. Monitoring prime contractor's SBE subcontractor participation includes two areas: (1) proposed SBE subcontractor utilization by work order process and (2) reported SBE subcontractor payments verification process.
09-15	-	Review of the GEPS Services Contracts (2009)	In Process	Implemented	10/31/2009		Take appropriate steps to ensure project managers are completing contractors' performance evaluations as required.	and recommendation. In addition to elevating the status of overdue performance evaluations to the project manager's supervisor and refusing assignments of additional work orders for project managers until existing evaluations are up to date, Procurement staff will provide a monthly report to the	Procurement is elevating the status of overdue performance evaluations to the project manager's supervisor and refusing assignments of additional work orders for project managers until existing evaluations are up to date. In October, 2009 the department began providing a monthly report to the Procurement Director and Deputy Executive Director of Corporate Resources on overdue performance evaluations. At this time, no additional actions are expected to be implemented.

# Exhibit 4 Status of Recommendations Not Fully Implemented

Audit No. Audit Name			cu
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Recommendation	(	Current Status	Auditor's Comment
06-19 Audit of the KRR	Restoration Projec	t In-Kind Credit Reque	est Process
#5 Determine the amount of un incurred for environmental a submit a claim for these exp construction costs.	assessments and	In Process	Finance staff has been assisting the Kissimmee Division in preparing their USACE construction costs submission, including environmental risk assessment costs. The changeover to SAP in 2004-2005 posed a minor challenge to reconciling costs, but it is anticipated that submissions from 2005-2009 will be provided to the USACE by the early 2010 if not sooner.
Original Due Date: 12/	/31/2007		Auditor Update: 12/20/2009
Revised Due Date: 3/	/31/2010		
#10 Reconcile total expenditures KRR program per the Distri system ("F" program code) expenditures claimed for in- will be claimed in the future established process.)	ict's financial to total -kind credit (or	Partially Implemented	The changeover to SAP in 2004-2005 posed a minor challenge to reconciling costs, but it is anticipated that submissions from 2005-2009 will be provided to the USACE by the early 2010 if not sooner.
Original Due Date: 12/	/31/2007		Auditor Update: 12/22/2009
	/31/2010		
07-36 Audit of the Inform	mation Technology	Department	
<b>#1</b> Consider hiring full time empositions considered perman		In Process	The IT Department agrees with this recommendation; however, the Executive Office is in discussion regarding the feasibility of implementing this recommendation and they have taken the lead for this recommendation.
Original Due Date: 10/	/30/2009		Auditor Update: 12/17/2009
Revised Due Date: 10	0/1/2010		
08-09 Review of Internal	l Controls Over Fu	el Inventory	
<b>#2</b> Implement physical security were identified by Emergen		Partially Implemented	Management Response: Sixty two (62) sites were surveyed for physical security measures
Management.			with a focus on fencing and lighting. Eighty nine percent (89 %) of sites are now compliant and progress is being made on others. Field stations will continue fencing and lighting efforts in FY10. O&M will partner with security managers to assure that reasonable, economical measures are taken to assure security of our facilities.
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	Recom	nmendation		Current Status	Auditor's Comment
0	8-12	Review of the	GEPS Services Contr	acts	
#3	staff pos	sitions in order t	rization for additional to replace higher cost are performing on- inployees.	In Process	Procurement agrees with this recommendation; however, the Executive Office is in discussions regarding the feasibility of implementing this recommendation and they have taken the lead for this recommendation.
	U	l Due Date: l Due Date:	1/1/2010 9/30/2010		Auditor Update: 12/17/2009
0	8-23	Audit of the Pi	rocurement Card Pro	gram	
#4			Partially Implemented	Procurement concurs with this recommendation. Staff will add written emergency card usage procedures to the User's Manual and Article II of the Procurement Card Procedures. Additionally, these written procedures will also be added to the Procurement Manual. Since the recommendation will require Governing Board approval, staff is currently seeking DLT direction as to whether to take this single procedure change to the Governing Board or wait to group this with some other items that would also require Governing Board approval.	
	Origina	l Due Date:	3/30/2009		Auditor Update: 12/17/2009
	Revised	Due Date:	3/31/2010		