

Exit Conference

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Accountability Audit Results

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019



Results in Brief

This report describes the overall results and conclusions for the areas we examined.

In those selected areas, Port operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity, policy, internal control, or area. As a result, no information is provided on the areas that were not examined.

Accountability Audit Results



Using a risk-based audit approach, for the Port, we examined the following areas during the period:

- Payroll – overtime and double-time
- Rent deferral payment plans – compliance with state law
- Credit cards – purchase cards and travel and expense cards
- Financial condition

Payroll – Overtime and double-time



We reviewed the Port’s policies, gained an understanding of the Port’s controls over double-time and overtime, performed analytical procedures, and selected payroll transactions for testing. Our audit determined the following:

Internal controls	Sufficiently designed to safeguard resources. However, we did identify one “exit item.”
Overtime and double-time	Transactions complied with Port policy, were valid, and adequately supported by the appropriate records.

Audit highlight: We appreciated Duane Hill, Karin Olmstead, Jenniann Kealin, Ann McClellan, Brendalynn Taulelei and Lisa Drake and their staff for their assistance and timely responses.



Rent deferral payment plans

We gained an understanding of the Port's rent deferral payment plans, ensured the program was approved by the Commissioners, and reviewed the program to ensure it complied with state law and port policy. Our audit determined the following:

Internal controls	Sufficiently designed to safeguard resources
Rent deferral payment plans	The program was approved by the appropriate individuals and complied with state law and port policy.

Audit highlight: We would like to highlight Lisa Lam and Rudy Caluza for their assistance and timely responses while reviewing the Port's Rent deferral payment plans.

Credit cards



We reviewed the Port's policies and procedures over credit cards, gained an understanding of the Port's internal controls, and selected transactions to ensure transactions complied with Port policies, supported, and valid. Our audit determined the following:

Internal controls	Sufficiently designed to safeguard resources
Purchase cards and travel and expense card	Transactions complied with Port policies, were adequately supported by supporting records, and for valid Port purposes.

Audit highlight: Karmeli Cayetano and Kari Wilmus responded to questions about our credit card and travel and expense card work timely.

Financial condition



We performed a trend of key financial indicators, assessed additional non-financial information to identify potential impacts, and analyzed the Port's response to COVID including monitoring performed by management. Our audit determined the following:

Internal controls	Sufficiently designed to safeguard resources
Financial Condition	We noted no issues in the Port's financial condition or sustainability.

Audit highlight: We would like to thank Michael Tong, Corporate Budget Director, for his assistance and timely responses.

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- Better and more quickly prepare for upcoming audits
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Work of Other Auditors

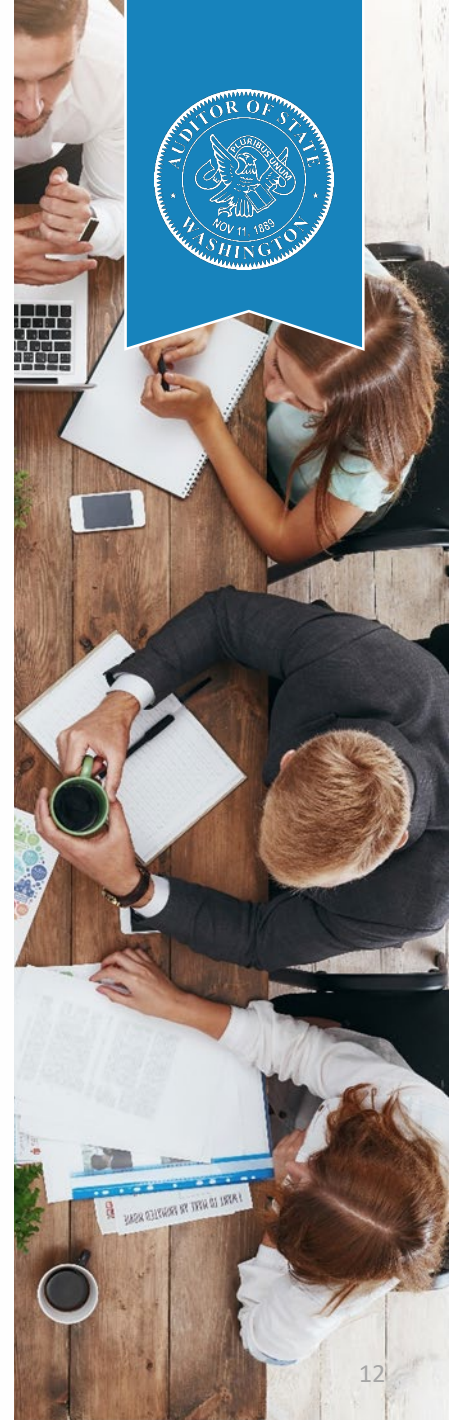
- A financial statement and federal grant audit was performed by Moss Adams of the Port.
- We did not find anything about their work that caused concern about its quality.
- No limitations restricted our analysis of the other audits.
- Did not notice any instance in which a material misstatement of the financial statements has or may have resulted from fraud or suspected fraud.



Closing Remarks

- Audit costs are in alignment with our original estimate
- Next audit: Fall 2021
 - Accountability for public resources

An estimated cost for the next audit has been provided in our exit packet





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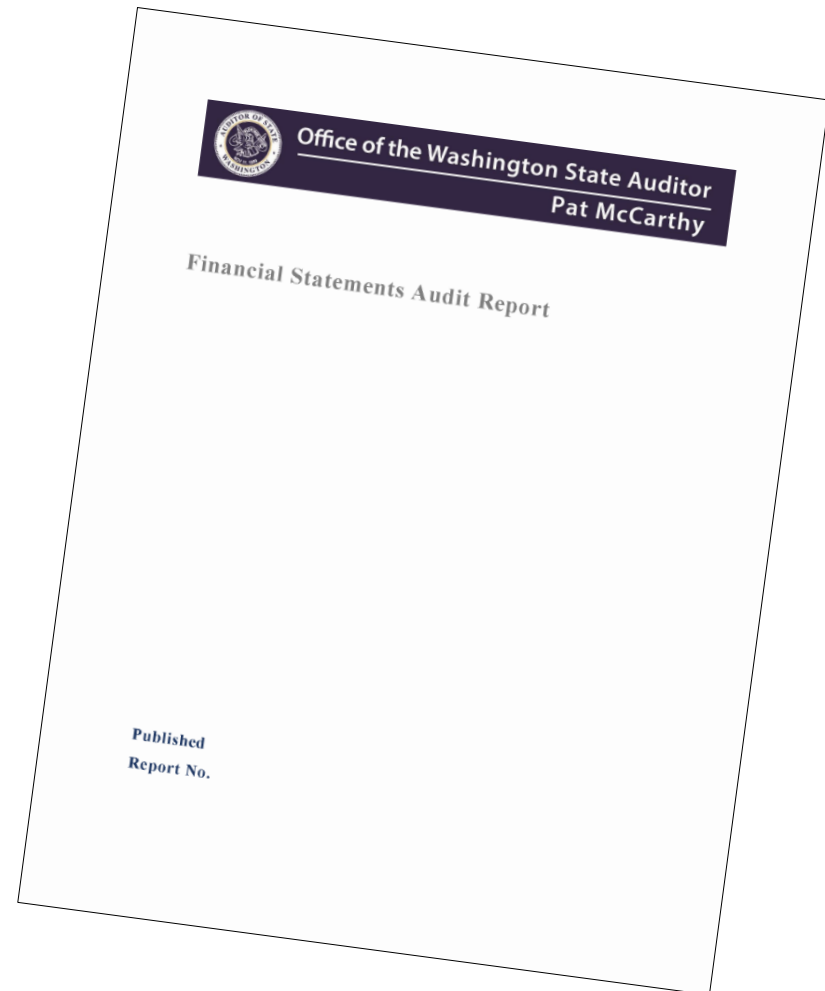
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- We thank Port officials and staff for timely communications throughout the audit process.
- In particular, we would like to thank Debbi Browning, Rudy Caluza, Glenn Fernandes Don Kelley and Melanie O’Cain for keeping the audit running smoothly, following-up on our requests, and meeting each week to discuss our preliminary results.

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