



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mark Stanley, Executive Officer  
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**From:** Department of General Services  
Office of Audit Services

**Subject: AUDIT REPORT: DELEGATED PURCHASING PROGRAM**

This report presents the results of our compliance audit of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's (RMC) delegated purchasing program. As required by Public Contract Code Section 10333, the Department of General Services (DGS) conducts an audit at least once in each three-year period of each state agency to which purchasing authority has been delegated by the department. Our audit was conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards.

The objective of our audit was to determine that procurement transactions are being conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of RMC's purchasing authority delegation agreements with DGS, which include dollar threshold limits for various categories of procurements. The state's delegated purchasing requirements are primarily contained in State Contracting Manual (SCM) Volumes 2 (Non-IT), 3 (IT) and F (FI\$Cal). As applicable, the scope of our audits of state agencies includes, but is not limited to, compliance with policies governing the conduct of competitive solicitations, use of leveraged procurement agreements, solicitation of certified small businesses (SB) and disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE), establishment of fair and reasonable pricing for acquisitions of less than \$10,000, use of CAL-Cards to pay for goods and services, and prompt payment of suppliers.

Based on the results of our fieldwork conducted over the period August 18, 2018 through November 29, 2018, we concluded that RMC is conducting its delegated purchasing program in compliance with the terms and conditions of its delegation agreements. RMC's delegated purchasing policies and procedures are sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with the state's procurement statutes, policies, and procedures.

During our review we identified a number of areas for improvement within RMC's delegated purchasing program. These areas included our concern that policies and procedures were not always ensuring full compliance with SCM provisions governing the: (1) bid quote worksheet (SCM 2, 4.B3.4); (2) reporting to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) (Std.16) (SCM 2, 8.2.7); (3) State General Provisions (GSPD-401 and IT) (SCM 2, 4.B6.2 and SCM 3, 4.B8.2); (4) verifying SB/DVBE certification status (SCM 2 and 3, 3.2.5); (5) Commercially Useful Function (CUF) (SCM 2, 3.2.6 – 3.2.7); (6) bidder declaration GSPD 05-105/106 (SCM 2, 3.5.7 – 3.5.9); (7) Leverage Procurement Agreements (LPAs) terms and conditions (SCM 3, A.2.1); (8) maintaining complete copies of the LPAs (SCM 3, 6.A4.2); (9) LPA number listing on purchase order (SCM 3, 8.4.5); (10) processing LPAs not in accordance with the terms and conditions of the LPAs (SCM 2, 6.A1.9).

To determine compliance, we reviewed policies and procedures, interviewed parties involved, tested records and transactions, and performed other tests as deemed necessary. The period covered by our testing varied depending upon the area of review and the type of transactions involved; however, the emphasis of our review and testing was with current procedures and transactions completed during the 2017/2018 fiscal year. Our transaction tests included the review of 8 delegated procurements.

We greatly appreciated the cooperation and assistance provided by RMC's personnel.

If you need further information or assistance on this report, please contact me at (916) 376-5054, or Amalia Sanchez, Management Auditor, at (916) 376-5016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Olivia M. Haug". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "O".

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cc: Purchasing Authority Management Section (PAMS), Procurement Division, DGS