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DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2013

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FRAUD PROGRAM GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-  
2013.

Our office recently completed an audit of the State of California Department of Insurance Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant for fiscal year 2012-13.

### Purpose

The purpose of our audit was to determine the County of San Luis Obispo's compliance with the State of California Department of Insurance grant program guidelines.

### Scope

Our audit included the Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

### Methodology

We conducted our audit using generally accepted auditing standards and the *Government Auditing Standards* published by the Comptroller General of the United States (revised December 2011). Our work included review of grant payments received; grant expenditures, including hours of staff assigned to the grant; statistics of cases used to measure grant performance; and the department's internal controls. Our evaluation of internal controls was limited to inquiries of departmental staff and direct observations.

### Independence

As required by various statutes within the California Government Code, County Auditor-Controllers are mandated to perform certain accounting, auditing, and financial reporting functions. These activities, in themselves, necessarily impair generally accepted auditing standards of independence. Specifically, "auditors should not audit their own work or provide non-audit services in situations where the amounts or services involved are significant and/or material to the subject of the audit." Although the San Luis Obispo County Auditor-Controller – Treasurer – Tax Collector is statutorily obligated to maintain the accounts of departments, agencies or funds that are contained within the county treasury, we believe adequate safeguards and division of responsibility exist. The Auditor-Controller – Treasurer – Tax Collector's Internal Audit Division, which has the responsibility to perform audits, has no other responsibility for the accounts and records being audited including the approval or posting of

the transactions subject to audit. This would therefore enable the reader of this report to rely on the information contained herein.

Results

We determined that the department is in compliance with the grant program guidelines in all material respects.

We would like to thank the District Attorney management and staff for their cooperation during our review.