To: Board of Supervisors

From: INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: March 2, 2021

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Contra Costa County

Subject: REPORT FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ON THE SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

RECEIVE report on the Auditor-Controller's audit activities for 2020 and the schedule of financial audits for 2021.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an informational report only resulting in no fiscal impact. The financial auditing process may result in positive and negative fiscal impacts, depending on the audit findings.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Internal Operations Committee was asked by the Board in 2000 to review the process for establishing the annual schedule of audits, and to establish a mechanism for the Board to have input in the development of the annual audit schedule and request studies of departments, programs or procedures. The IOC recommended a process that was adopted by the Board on June 27, 2000, which called for the IOC to review the schedule of audits proposed by the Auditor-Controller and the County Administrator each December. However, due to the preeminent need during December for the Auditor to complete the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the IOC, some years ago, rescheduled consideration of the Auditor's report to February of each year.

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RECOMMENDATION OF CNT ADMINISTRATOR	Y RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
Action of Board On: 03/02/2021 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER	
Clerks Notes:	
VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	
AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor	ATTESTED: March 2, 2021
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor	Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Attached is a report from the Auditor-Controller reviewing the department's audit activities for 2020 and transmitting the proposed schedule of financial audits for 2021, which are already in progress. This report and the proposed audit schedule was approved by the IOC on February 8, 2021. In past years, the Auditor's Office sometimes found a lack of adherence to several of the County's administrative requirements for cash collection; discharge of delinquent accounts; inventories of materials, supplies and capital assets; and petty cash. Noncompliance with procurement card policies, contracting policies and procedures, and MAC fiscal procedures have also been among past findings. Past findings did not reveal deliberate violation of policies and rules but rather violations resulting from lack of understanding or training.

**ATTACHMENTS** 

2021 Internal Audit Schedule