

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.11
(ID # 28785)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

FROM : AUDITOR CONTROLLER

SUBJECT: AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Initiation of a New Ordinance to Reaffirm the Authority of the Auditor-Controller Through Assurance and Advisory Services Performed by the Internal Audit Division, and Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-027 Establishing a Contract Auditing Unit within the Auditor-Controller's Office, All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order to initiate the process to establish a new ordinance that reaffirms the Auditor-Controller's authority to audit the accounts and records of any County department, office, board, institution, or district whose funds are maintained in the County treasury, in accordance with Government Code Section 26883 and consistent with the policy adopted in Board Resolution No. 83-338;
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller's Office to prepare and process the proposed ordinance in accordance with the initiation process outlined under Board Policy A-67; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-027, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside establishing a Contract Auditing Unit within the Auditor-Controller's Office.

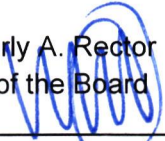
ACTION:Policy


Ben J. Benoit, COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER 1/28/2026

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 24, 2026
xc: Auditor

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: N/A	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Government Code Section 26883 provides the Board of Supervisors with the authority to require the County Auditor-Controller to audit the accounts and records of any department, office, board, institution, or district whose funds are kept in the County treasury. Consistent with this statute, Resolution No. 83-338 established internal audit policies and standards and designated the Auditor-Controller as the authority to carry out these audits.

The proposed ordinance seeks to formally reaffirm this audit authority through codification, ensuring alignment with modern professional internal auditing standards and reinforcing the independence and scope necessary to perform internal audits effectively.

Contract Auditing Unit

Resolution No. 2026-027 establishes the Contract Auditing Unit to enhance fiscal oversight and contractual compliance to conduct audits of County contracts. The purpose is to verify contract terms are met, taxpayer funds are safeguarded, and resources are utilized efficiently.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The proposed ordinance strengthens the County's oversight framework by formally reaffirming the Auditor-Controller's audit authority and creating a dedicated Contract Auditing Unit to enhance accountability and transparency. Together, these actions help ensure public funds are used as intended, contracts deliver expected value and services, and risks of fraud, waste, or inefficiency are identified and addressed earlier. Ultimately, this promotes greater public trust and more effective stewardship of resources on behalf of County residents.

Additional Fiscal Information

Not Applicable

ATTACHMENT.

A: Resolution No. 2026-027 Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Establishing a Contract Auditing Unit Within the Auditor-Controller's Office


 Aaron Gettis, Chief Deputy County Counsel 1/30/2026

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027

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5 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT AUDITING UNIT WITHIN THE
7 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

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9 WHEREAS, the County of Riverside engages in numerous contracts with public agencies,
10 nonprofit organizations, and private vendors for the provision of goods, services, and programs essential to
11 County operations; and

12 WHEREAS, effective contract auditing promotes fiscal accountability, compliance with
13 contract terms, and ensures that County resources are used efficiently and in the public interest; and

14 WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 26881, 26883, and 26920,
15 the Auditor-Controller is authorized to examine, audit, and monitor the financial transactions, accounts, and
16 records of all County officers, departments, and entities receiving or administering County funds; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it in the public interest to establish a dedicated
18 Contract Auditing Unit within the Auditor-Controller's Internal Audit Division to strengthen governance,
19 oversight, and accountability over County contracting activities;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors
21 of the County of Riverside, in regular session assembled on March 24, 2026, as follows:

22 1. Establishment of Unit. There is hereby established within the Auditor-Controller's
23 Office a Contract Auditing Unit, or CAU, which shall be responsible for auditing County contracts with
24 vendors providing goods and services to the County and contracts for services performed on behalf of the
25 County.

26 2. Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of the Contract Auditing Unit shall be to ensure
27 compliance with contract terms, promote fiscal accountability, and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness
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1 of services provided under County contracts. The CAU shall support the County's commitment to
2 transparency, prudent fiscal management, and the safeguarding of public funds.

3 3. Authority and Access to Records. The Auditor-Controller and staff engaged in
4 contract auditing shall have the authority to access, as applicable by law, records, financial data, systems,
5 and any information relevant to the administration, performance, or fiscal aspects of County contracts.
6 County departments and agencies shall cooperate fully with the Unit in providing requested documentation
7 and information necessary to perform monitoring activities.

8 4. Scope and Oversight. The Contract Auditing Unit shall:
9 a. Conduct post-award contract auditing and compliance reviews;
10 b. Verify that payments are supported by valid deliverables and performance
11 outcomes;
12 c. Identify potential risks, control weaknesses, or noncompliance;
13 d. Provide guidance and support training to departments on contract monitoring
14 best practices; and
15 e. Report significant findings and recommendations to the departments,
16 Purchasing & Fleet Services Department, Auditor-Controller, the County Executive Office, and Board of
17 Supervisors.

18 5. Coordination and Reporting. The Contract Auditing Unit shall coordinate with the
19 County Executive Office, Purchasing Department, and other departments engaged in procurement and
20 contract administration. The Auditor-Controller shall provide periodic reports to the Board of Supervisors
21 summarizing key auditing results, trends, and recommendations for improving County contracting
22 processes.

23 6. Integration with Internal Audit Functions. The Contract Auditing Unit shall operate
24 within the Auditor-Controller's Internal Audit Division and align with the Division's risk-based audit
25 planning, continuous auditing, and governance oversight framework. Results from contract auditing
26 reviews may inform future audit planning and risk assessments.

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027

4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
5 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT AUDITING UNIT
6 WITHIN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

9 Nays: None

10 Absent: None

11 Abstain: None

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13 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
14 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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17 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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19 By:  _____

20 Deputy