



DATE: January 14, 2026
TO: Honorable Members of the Audit Committee
FROM: Andy Hanau, City Auditor
SUBJECT: City Auditor Activity Report – December 2025

This report provides information on the Office of the City Auditor’s activities in the month of December 2025. This includes audit reports issued, the status of current audit projects, and a list of planned audits that have not yet started.

The “Target Completion Date” provided for each audit project indicates our estimate of when the audit report will be issued. However, report issuances may be delayed by future circumstances, such as delays in receiving data for review, numerous and extensive findings that require further evaluation, and additional discussions with management to demonstrate that our audit findings are valid and recommendations for improvement are necessary.

The Office of the City Auditor did not issue any work products in December 2025.

Audits in Progress – Report Writing Stage

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
Performance Audit of the City's Management of Its Leased Golf Property Portfolio	The objective of this audit is to determine whether the City is appropriately managing its leased golf property portfolio to maximize financial return or public benefit.	February 2026	1,781	1,400
Performance Audit of the Fire-Rescue Department's Dispatch Process	<p>The objectives of this audit are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of Fire-Rescue's emergency response process to determine whether it balances its limited resources with the need to respond quickly to high priority calls for service. 2. Determine whether Fire-Rescue uses its dispatch data to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and equity of emergency response operations, performance, and resource allocation and assess the adequacy and completeness of dispatch performance reporting to the public and City leadership. 	February 2026	1,710	1,600

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
Performance Audit of Brush Management on Private Property	<p>The objective of this audit is to determine whether Fire-Rescue's brush management inspection efforts efficiently and effectively ensure that private properties comply with brush management requirements by assessing whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staffing and case assignment practices maximize effective inspection coverage; b. Enforcement mechanisms, including reinspections, ensure violations are corrected; and c. The fine and penalty structure is sufficient to recover costs, and comparable to other municipalities. 	April 2026	785	1,000

Audits in Progress – Fieldwork Stage

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
IT Performance Audit of Citywide Cybersecurity Defenses	<p>The objective of this audit is to evaluate the effectiveness of Citywide cyber defenses against both internal and external cyber threats, including cyberattacks. The audit may include a contract for specialized cybersecurity skills, which OCA anticipates could be funded through its current budget allocation</p>	March 2026	1,372	1,400

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
Performance Audit of the Unsafe Camping Ordinance	<p>The objectives of this audit are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine if the City efficiently and effectively uses resources to respond to homeless encampments since the adoption of the Unsafe Camping Ordinance. 2. Determine if the City's personal property storage and disposal processes in relation to the Unsafe Camping Ordinance are practiced equitably. 	April 2026	1,640	2,069
Performance Audit of the San Diego Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit	<p>The objectives of this audit are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine if SDPD categorizes, investigates, and reports allegations of police officer misconduct in a manner that is fair, complete, and in line with laws and best practices. 2. Determine if SDPD's discipline outcomes for police misconduct are fair and in line with laws and best practices. 	Fall 2026	1,214	2,200

Audits in Progress – Planning Stage

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
Performance Audit of Citywide Vehicle Rentals	The tentative objective is to evaluate the efficiency of the City's vehicle rental expenditures, including whether the City optimizes the balance of rentals vs. ownership, and whether controls over vehicle rental contracts ensure appropriate authorization and oversight of expenditures.	May 2026	205	1,800
Performance Audit of Arts and Culture Funding Equity	The tentative objective is to determine if funding and other benefits for arts and culture programs, such as lease agreements, are allocated appropriately, distributed equitably, and reported transparently.	June 2026	248	1,800
Performance Audit of Streetlight Equity	The tentative objective is to evaluate the efficiency of the City's efforts to address its backlog of streetlight repairs and determine if the City has invested equitably in streetlights across the City.	August 2026	158	1,600

Other Audit Activity

Audit	Audit Objective	Target Completion Date	Audit Hours Used	Budgeted Hours
Follow-up on Audit Report Recommendations	We report recommendation implementation status in a semi-annual follow-up report as well as our interactive recommendation tracking dashboard , and we periodically issue other recommendation follow-up reports. We issued our first semi-annual report of FY2026 in September 2025.	On-going	389	900
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline	We review Fraud Hotline calls received and investigate allegations of material fraud, waste, or abuse. We issue reports for substantiated fraud-related allegations and a Quarterly Fraud Hotline Report with the status of activities.	On-going	1,748	3,500

Audit Reports and Other Work Products Completed During FY2026

07/14/2025

[City Auditor's Quarterly Fraud Hotline Report – Q4 Fiscal Year 2025](#)

07/17/2025

[Annual Citywide Risk Assessment and Audit Work Plan - Fiscal Year 2026](#)

07/22/2025

Confidential Performance Audit of Pure Water San Diego

09/29/2025

[Recommendation Follow-Up Report - Status Update as of June 30, 2025](#)

- [Interactive Dashboard](#)

10/02/2025

[Agreed-Upon Procedures Related to the Central Stores Physical Inventory - Fiscal Year 2025](#)

10/23/2025

[Performance Audit of the City's Key Performance Indicators](#)

- [Report Highlights](#)
- [Supplemental KPI Dashboard](#)

11/07/2025

[Performance Audit of the Mission Bay and San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Funds, Fiscal Year 2024](#)

- [Mission Bay FY2024 Highlights](#)
- [Mission Bay FY2024 Highlights \(Español\)](#)

FY2026 Planned Audits Not Yet Started

Planned Audits	Estimated Audit Hours
Performance Audit of Police Armory	1,000
Performance Audit of the Business Tax Program	1,600
Performance Audit of Returns on Homelessness Investments	2,200
IT audits	1,300
Annual Audit of Mission Bay and San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Funds, FY2025	400
Annual Central Stores Agreed-Upon Procedures, FY2026	10

Respectfully submitted,



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