



## Fort Ord Reuse Authority

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## FORA Audit Now Available

A forensic audit, requested by the FORA Board of Directors regarding employee expense reimbursements, has been completed by the auditing firm of RGL Forensics. A copy of the audit has been provided to FORA Board members and is posted on the FORA website at [www.fora.org](http://www.fora.org). The audit found no wrongdoing or criminal activity.

The audit was directed by the FORA Board in July in response to a claim filed against FORA in June by an activist group called Keep Fort Ord Wild. The Board appointed an Ad-hoc Expense Reimbursement Committee, comprised of Del Rey Oaks' Mayor Jerry Edelen and Pacific Grove's Mayor-elect Bill Kampe, to oversee the forensic audit process. Both Edelen and Kampe serve on the FORA Board and have extensive financial background and experience.

The auditors reviewed a number of FORA accounting documents to determine if any deviations from the existing FORA reimbursement policies might have occurred. Documents reviewed included general ledger accounting data, employee expense reimbursements, credit card and petty cash transactions, and payroll and check registers. The report provides a number of constructive policy recommendations regarding various procedures and practices for the FORA Board's review in considering new or amended policies. The report also notes that several items totaling \$378 in previously reimbursed expenses have already been repaid to FORA.

The FORA Board is expected to review the audit report and recommendations at its December 14 meeting. Future Board action could include consideration of revisions to FORA's current Expense and Travel Reimbursement policies.

"The Forensic Audit was very thorough and I'm confident the FORA Board will take the task of implementing the Audit recommendations very seriously," said Ad-Hoc Committee chair Jerry Edelen. "The Fort Ord Reuse Authority remains committed to public service and aspires to excellence. The recommendations are straightforward and lend themselves to improving FORA's policies and practices."