

Financial Management Framework

1. Purpose

To direct staff to prudently manage Zone 7's funds and to maintain financial and accounting records of all transactions in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

To adequately plan for the funding of current and future operational requirements and capital resources necessary to achieve the Agency's mission.

To provide staff with a framework to develop policies and procedures to ensure Zone 7's mission by providing financial health and stability to the Agency.

To direct staff that the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, the adoption of the Agency budget, and the appropriation, accounting, and transfer of funds shall be governed by general law and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices.

2. Administration of the system

In keeping with Resolution No. 09-3266, which states that "The Agency's General Manager has full charge and control of the day-to-day management, operation and administration of the Agency," the General Manager shall retain primary jurisdiction, responsibility, and authority for all matters pertaining to the day-to-day financial management of the Agency. To direct, control, supervise, and manage the development, preparation, organization, administration, operation, implementation, and maintenance of a comprehensive financial management program for Zone 7 Water Agency, the General Manager shall be designated as the fiscal officer of the Agency.

The General Manager may delegate any of the powers and duties conferred upon him or her as fiscal officer to any other employee of the Agency or may recommend that such powers and duties or any part of them be performed under contract.

3. Security of the system

The General Manager shall cause an audit of the financial transactions and records of the Agency to be made at least annually by a third party certified public accountant (i.e., one not employed by the Agency). As soon as possible at the end of each fiscal year a final audit and report shall be completed and submitted to the Board of Directors. Copies shall be placed on file in the office of the General Manager and be available for public inspection.

The General Manager shall also prepare such additional reports as the Board of Directors may from time to time request for information and use in setting financial policies for the Agency.