

February 18, 2016

CONFIDENTIAL
Case I2016-0138

Tiffany Anderson
1900 Lakeshore Drive
Lodi, California 95242

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have received a copy of your correspondence dated February 5, 2016, in which you outlined your concerns about the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District (district). However, we must advise you that under the California Whistleblower Protection Act, found at Government Code section 8547 et seq., the California State Auditor only is authorized to investigate allegations of improper governmental activities by state agencies and employees. We therefore lack the authority to investigate allegations concerning activities occurring at a local government agency. As the district is a local government agency, we cannot investigate what you have alleged.

Although we cannot investigate what you have alleged, you should be aware that beginning January 1, 2012, the State Auditor obtained authority, under Government Code section 8546.10, to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program for auditing and issuing reports on local government agencies that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement or as having major challenges associated with their economy, efficiency, or effectiveness. Although the mechanics of the program still are being developed, the program will allow the State Auditor to ask the California State Legislature's Joint Legislative Audit Committee for authority to audit local government agencies based on evidence that such audits are warranted. We therefore will keep on file the information you provided in your correspondence for consideration by the State Auditor when determining the audits to recommend under the high-risk local government agency audit program.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact our hotline at (800) 952-5665.

Sincerely,

Investigations Division