



Solano County Whistleblower Program Biannual Report

For the period January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024

Executive Summary

The Solano County, Auditor-Controller's Office, Internal Audits Division, administers the County's Whistleblower (WB) Program. The Whistleblower Program includes a hotline number (866) 384-TIPS and a website for submission of complaints. The complaints received were reviewed by the Division in cooperation with Appointed and Elected Department Heads and the County Administrator as deemed appropriate.

During the period, the Whistleblower Program received 42 complaints, *including three (3) open cases from the prior period*, of perceived incidence of fraud, waste, and abuse, or violations of County policy during the period.

- 38 complaints did not have merit, failed to provide sufficient information, or the allegation was not within the scope of the County's Whistleblower Program.
- Two (2) are currently open with active investigation.
- Two (2) were found to have merit (details in table to follow):

<i>Complaint Allegation</i>	<i>Resolution</i>
Three (3) complaints of alleged welfare fraud were referred to Health and Social Services (H&SS) Special Investigations Bureau (SIB) for investigation.	Of the three (3), one (1) complaint was found to have merit and was investigated by SIB.
One (1) complaint alleged an employee left work early without using leave time.	Staff was counseled about the process of leaving early.

The Whistleblower Program continues to serve as a successful tool to aide in the identification of County-related matters of potential fraud, waste, and abuse. The Program examines and addresses controls while promoting accountability and oversight throughout the County by providing a process for employees, and others, to report perceived incidences of fraud, waste, and abuse in policy and practice.

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