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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
and
Members of the Commission
South Carolina Forestry Commission
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This report on the application of certain agreed-upon procedures to the accounting records of the South Carolina Forestry Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, was issued by WebsterRogers, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, under contract with the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Gilbert, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Deputy State Auditor

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SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION
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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Mr. Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Interim State Auditor
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We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed to by the governing board and management of the South Carolina Forestry Commission and the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor (the specified parties), solely to assist you in evaluating the performance of the South Carolina Forestry Commission (the Commission) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, in the areas addressed. The Commission's management is responsible for its financial records, internal controls, and compliance with State laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. Cash Receipts and Revenues

- We inspected 25 recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected 25 recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law.
- We compared current year recorded revenues at the subfund and account level from sources other than State General Fund appropriations to those of prior year. We investigated changes in the earmarked and federal funds to ensure that revenue was classified properly in the Commission's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed-upon materiality levels of \$13,000 in the earmarked fund and \$9,000 in the federal fund and \pm 10%.

The individual transactions selected were chosen judgmentally. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

2. Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures

- We inspected 25 recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations, were bona fide disbursements of the Commission, were paid in conformity with State laws and regulations; and if the acquired goods and/or services were procured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

2. **Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures (Continued)**

- We inspected 25 recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We compared current year expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general, earmarked, and federal funds to ensure the expenditures were properly classified in the Commission's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels of \$23,000 for the general fund, \$15,000 for the earmarked fund, and \$15,000 for the federal funds and $\pm 10\%$.

The individual transactions selected were chosen judgmentally. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

3. **Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures**

- We inspected 25 payroll disbursements to determine if the selected payroll transactions were properly described, classified, and distributed in the accounting records; persons on the payroll were bona fide employees; payroll transactions, including employee payroll deductions, were properly authorized and were in accordance with existing legal requirements and processed in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected payroll transactions for 5 new employees and 5 who terminated employment to determine if the employees were added and/or removed from the payroll in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures, that the employee's first and/or last pay check was properly calculated, and that the employees leave payout was properly calculated in accordance with applicable State law.
- We compared current year payroll expenditures at the subfund and account level to those of the prior year. We investigated changes in the general, earmarked, and federal funds to ensure that expenditures were classified properly in the Commission's accounting records. The scope was based on agreed upon materiality levels of \$23,000 for the general fund, \$15,000 for the earmarked fund, and \$15,000 for the federal fund and $\pm 10\%$.
- We compared the percentage change in recorded personal service expenditures to the percentage change in employer contributions and computed the percentage change in employer contributions, and computed the percentage distribution of recorded fringe benefit expenditures by fund source and compared the computed distribution to the actual distribution of recorded payroll expenditures by fund source. We investigated changes of $\pm 5\%$ to ensure that payroll expenditures were classified properly in the Commission's accounting records.

The individual transactions were chosen randomly. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

4. **Journal Entries, Operating Transfers, and Appropriation Transfers**

- We inspected 10 recorded journal entries, 5 recorded operating transfers, and 5 recorded appropriation transfers to determine if these transactions were properly described and classified in the accounting records; they agreed with the supporting documentation, the purpose of the transactions were documented and explained, the transactions were properly approved, and were mathematically correct; and the transactions were processed in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The individual transactions were chosen judgmentally. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

5. **General Ledger and Subsidiary Ledgers**

- We inspected selected entries and monthly totals in the subsidiary records of the Commission to determine if the amounts were mathematically accurate, the selected monthly totals were accurately posted to the general ledger, and selected entries were processed in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations.

The transactions were chosen judgmentally. We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

6. **Composite Reservoir Accounts**

Reconciliations

- We obtained all monthly reconciliations prepared by the Commission for the year ended June 30, 2011, and inspected selected reconciliations of balances in the Commission's accounting records to those on the State Treasurer's Office monthly reports to determine if the accounts reconciled. For the selected reconciliations, we determined if they were timely performed and properly documented in accordance with State regulations, recalculated the amounts, agreed the applicable amounts to the Commission's general ledger, determined if reconciling differences were adequately explained and properly resolved, and determined, if necessary, adjusting entries were made in the Commission's accounting records.

Cash Receipts and Revenues

- We inspected 4 recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations.
- We inspected 4 recorded receipts to determine if these receipts were recorded in the proper fiscal year.
- We made inquiries and performed substantive procedures to determine if revenue collection and retention or remittance were supported by law. We obtained all monthly reconciliations prepared by the Commission.

Non-Payroll Disbursements and Expenditures

- We inspected 5 recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were properly described and classified in the accounting records in accordance with the Commission's policies and procedures and State regulations, were bona fide disbursements of the Commission and were paid in conformity with State laws and regulations if the acquired goods and/or services were procured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- We inspected 5 recorded non-payroll disbursements to determine if these disbursements were recorded in the proper fiscal year.

The reconciliations selected were chosen randomly. The cash receipts and non-payroll disbursements were chosen judgmentally. Our findings as a result of these procedures are presented in Section A of the Accountants' Comments section of this report under the "Reconciliations" heading.

7. **Appropriation Act**

- We inspected Commission documents, observed processes, and/or made inquiries of Commission personnel to determine the Commission's compliance with Appropriation Act general and Commission specific provisos.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

8. Closing Packages

- We obtained copies of all closing packages as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, prepared by the Commission and submitted to the State Comptroller General. We inspected them to determine if they were prepared in accordance with the Comptroller General's *GAAP Closing Procedures Manual* requirements and if the amounts reported in the closing packages agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

9. Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance

- We obtained a copy of the schedule of federal financial assistance for the year ended June 30, 2011, prepared by the Commission and submitted to the State Auditor. We inspected the schedule of federal financial assistance to determine if it was prepared in accordance with the State Auditor's letter of instruction and if the amounts agreed with the supporting workpapers and accounting records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

10. Status of Prior Findings

- We inquired about the status of the findings reported in the Accountant's Comments section of the State Auditor's Report on the Commission resulting from their engagement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, to determine if the Commission had taken corrective action. We applied no procedures to the Commission's accounting records and internal controls for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the accounting records. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor, the governing board and management of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, and the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Columbia, South Carolina
May 15, 2012

ACCOUNTANTS' COMMENTS

SECTION A – VIOLATIONS OF STATE LAWS, RULES OR REGULATIONS

Management of each State agency is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls to ensure compliance with State Laws, Rules or Regulations. The procedures agreed to by the Commission require that we plan and perform the engagement to determine whether any violations of State Laws, Rules or Regulations occurred.

The condition described in this section has been identified as a violation of State Laws, Rules or Regulations.

RECONCILIATIONS

The Comptroller General's Policies and Procedures Manual describes the importance of monthly reconciliations for the detection and correction of errors. To ensure adequate error detection and to satisfy audit requirements, such reconciliations must be:

- Performed at least monthly on a timely basis (i.e. shortly after month end)
- Signed and dated by the preparer
- Reviewed and approved in writing by an agency official other than the preparer.

We reviewed petty cash account reconciliations for the Florence composite reservoir account, the Spartanburg composite reservoir account, the Taylors composite reservoir account, and the Walterboro composite reservoir account. We noted the following:

- None of the reconciliations were signed and dated by the preparer.
- None of the reconciliations were approved in writing by an agency official other than the preparer.
- None of the reconciliations had indications they were reviewed on the face of the reconciliation.

We recommend the Commission document the performance and review of the composite reservoir account reconciliations on the face of the reconciliation.

SECTION B – STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

During the current engagement, we reviewed the status of corrective action taken on findings reported in the Accountant's Comment section of the State Auditor's Report on the Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, and dated April 13, 2009. We applied no procedures to the Commission's accounting records and internal controls for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009. We determined the Commission has taken adequate corrective action on each of the findings.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE



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May 7, 2012

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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

This is in response to the preliminary draft copy of the report by Webster Rogers LLP of the Forestry Commission's accounting records for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011.

The Commission concurs with the comments in their report and will take the necessary action to correct these items. This report has been reviewed and I am authorizing its release.

I would like to thank Bud Addison and staff at Webster Rogers LLP for their efforts on this audit. They were very professional and should be commended for their efforts. We look forward to working with them and you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry E. Kodama".

Henry E. (Gene) Kodama
State Forester