

Summary of 9-26-12 interview of Ron Brean

Interview and summary by Thomas M. Patton, Deputy Attorney General

Ron Brean was a 35-year employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation, starting as a seasonal employee and progressing through the ranks of park ranger, district superintendent, and field division chief. Brean was deputy director of administrative services from June to October 2003, and then deputy director of parks operations until retiring in late 2004. Brean is now mayor of Yachats, Oregon. (Rob Brean transcript (RBtr), pp. 2-3.)

Brean stated that he was never made aware of any disparities in fund balance reports submitted by the Parks budget section to the Department of Finance, and by the accounting section to the Controller's Office. Brean recalled that Freda Luan-Dun was chief of the accounting section at Parks when Brean was head of administrative services, and Becky Brown was chief of the budget section. (RBtr, pp-5-6.)

Brean stated that he was under the impression that Luan-Dun and Brown worked together and reconciled their numbers to the Finance Department's and Controller's satisfaction. He did not recall any specific discussions with them about such reconciliation work. Brean recalled that Tom Domich was the assistant deputy director of administrative services during Brean's time as head of that division. Brean believed, based on discussions between Brean, Domich, Luan-Dun, Brown, and persons from various control agencies, that reconciliations were not only done but were mandated until everyone was satisfied. (RBtr, p. 6.) Brean stated he was baffled to learn there were any disparities in fund balance reports, and amazed to hear there was any extra money left on the table which he would have wanted to use to solve problems. (RBtr, pp. 6-7.).

Brean stated he has not had any contact with Becky Brown, Freda Luan-Dun, or Tom Domich since his retirement. The only person from Parks headquarters that Brean has stayed in contact with is Dick Troy, who was the head of operations prior to Brean. (RBtr, pp. 7-8.)