

Summary of 8-29-12 interview of Nancy Leonard

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On August 29, 2012, a follow up interview was conducted of former budget officer Becky Brown. The interview took place at the Department of Finance's FI\$Cal project offices at 2000 Evergreen Street in Sacramento, where Brown has worked intermittently for several years as a retired annuitant. Prior to Brown's follow-up interview, this interviewer spoke briefly with Brown's supervisor, Nancy Leonard, and the following information was obtained.

Leonard is a Department of Finance supervisor working on the FI\$Cal project. Leonard has been working with and supervising Brown for some three months, and believes Brown has been working with the project about six years. (Nancy Leonard transcript (NLtr), pp. 2, 9.)

As a retired annuitant, Brown has been assisting the FI\$Cal project in preparing the annual budget, and that work has included preparing budget change proposals and working closely with the accounting people. (NLtr, p. 3.) Leonard described Brown as "great," "fantastic," and unbelievably knowledgeable about how budgets work. (NLtr, p. 4.)

Leonard believes, but is not entirely certain, that Brown has been preparing the Fund Condition Statements that are part of the FI\$Cal project's Department of Finance budget proposals. (NLtr, p. 6.) Leonard noted that the accounting and year-end financial work for the project is contracted out to a section within the Department of General Services. (NLtr, p. 7.)

Leonard observed that, in addition to being very knowledgeable, Brown is very detail oriented, has an excellent memory, and her ability to recall details from any time period is very good. (NLtr, p. 9.)