

Summary of 9-26-12 interview of Rachele Manges

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Rachele Manges is a staff services manager II. Since January 2011 Manges has held the position informally known as the “support budget manager” in the budget office of the Department of Parks and Recreation’s administrative services division. Manges holds the number two position in the budget office and reports to budget officer Elsie Brenneman. (Rachele Manges 9-26-12 interview transcript (RMtr), pp 2-5.)

Manges reports that sometime in 2011 her supervisor, Elsie Brenneman, advised Manges that Brenneman was looking into discrepancies in the State Parks and Recreation Fund balance reports that had been submitted to the Controller’s Office and to the Department of Finance. Manges indicated that until Brenneman advised her of the matter in 2011, Manges had not previously been aware of, or heard anything related to the disparities in those fund balance reports. (RMtr, pp. 8-9.) Manges advised that she has also been informed by chief accounting officer Dorothy Kroll that the disparities date back in time to the period when Becky Brown was the budget officer. (RMtr, p. 10)

Manges reports that she has not had any involvement in assisting Brenneman in any effort to determine the bases for those discrepancies. Manges also indicated she has never previously been involved in preparing a fund condition statement. (RMtr, pp. 10, 12.)

With regard to reported discrepancies in Off-Highway Vehicle fund balances reported to the Controller and to the Department of Finance, Manges indicated she knows nothing about such reported discrepancies aside from what she has read in the newspaper. (RMtr, p. 11.)