

Government Code Sections Pertaining to Joint Powers Agreements

Government Code (GC) section 6503.5 states, in part:

Whenever a joint powers agreement provides for the creation of an agency or entity that is separate from the parties to the agreement and is responsible for the administration of the agreement, such agency or entity shall, within 30 days after the effective date of the agreement or amendment thereto, cause a notice of the agreement or amendment to be prepared and filed with the office of the Secretary of State. The agency or entity shall furnish an additional copy of the notice of the agreement or amendment to the Secretary of State, who shall forward the copy to the Controller.

GC section 6503.6(a) states, in part:

Whenever an agency or entity files a notice of agreement or amendment to the agreement with the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6503.5, the agency or entity shall file a copy of the full text of the original joint powers agreement, and any amendments to the agreement, with the Controller.

A copy of the full text joint powers agreement and any amendments can be emailed to the address below:

Email Address:
SDsupport@sco.ca.gov

Per GC sections 12463(d)(2)(B) and 53891, Joint Powers Authorities are considered special districts and are required to submit their financial transactions report (FTR) to the State Controller's Office (SCO) within seven months after the close of the fiscal year or within the time prescribed by the Controller, whichever is later.

In addition, GC section 26909, as amended by the Statutes of 2017, Chapter 334, requires an audit to be completed and filed with SCO within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year(s) under examination.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us by email at SDsupport@sco.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 327-1017.