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**City Auditor Doud Releases Harbor Dive Team Overtime Review
Concerns expressed over lack of controls that resulted in unjustified overtime**

Long Beach, CA - Today, Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud released a Harbor Security Division Dive Team Overtime Review that recommends improvements to weaknesses found within the Division. The report shows that a lack of adequate controls in the Dive Team operation resulted in unjustified overtime and inefficient use of manpower.

“The review was initiated because of serious concerns about a high level of overtime costs in the Harbor Security Division. While most of the overtime is attributed to the Patrol operations, we focused our review on the Dive Team operations due to the identification of control issues over the approval, planning and scheduling of divers and overtime,” said City Auditor Doud.

The Harbor Dive Team, established in 2007, is part of the Harbor Patrol of the Long Beach Harbor Department Security Division. “Thanks to a receptive Harbor management team and Board of Harbor Commissioners, progress is being made to strengthen oversight of the Dive Team personnel,” said City Auditor Doud, “and they have agreed to provide in six months an update on implementing our recommendations.”

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