

**ATTACHMENT K**  
2026-27 Proposed Rates  
Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector

The Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Department plays a crucial role in upholding the financial integrity and accountability of County departments. This multifaceted department ensures that County operations comply with legal and regulatory requirements through comprehensive auditing and award-winning financial reporting. ATC's efforts in financial reporting and cost allocation are fundamental to maintaining the County's fiscal health. By ensuring compliance with regulatory frameworks and establishing rates for direct cost recovery, the department enhances support for County operations, promotes transparency, and fosters financial accountability.

**Rates Overview**

ATC has two rates in 2026-27 to align with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines, which emphasize the appropriate allocation of indirect costs through mechanisms like the County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan (COWCAP), particularly for central service units.

**Controller Reporting Rate**

The ATC Controller Division provides essential financial reporting support and guidance to County Departments and is responsible for preparing and submitting the COWCAP, a critical state-mandated document outlining how indirect costs are allocated across various County departments. The Controller Division also compiles the financial statements for Internal Service Fund departments that provide essential services to other County departments.

ATC is proposing the 2026-27 Controller Reporting charge rate of \$90 per hour, no change compared to the prior year, to recover the direct costs incurred for providing financial reporting support, including confirmations, accounting services, and internal service fund compilation.

**Auditing Service Rate**

The ATC Internal Audits Division (IAD) performs operational and compliance audits of County departments, offices, agencies, and special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors; collaborates with County departments to ensure timely and accurate state and federal reporting; coordinates all external audits for Special Districts, Component Units, and other County agencies; oversees the County's Single Audit, as required by Uniform Guidance, which accounts for all federal funded County expenditures; and manages the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline, which handles reports of misconduct throughout the County.

ATC is proposing the 2026-27 Auditing Service charge rate of \$92 per hour, \$1 increase from the prior year, for auditing services that will be billed once it is complete.

**Impacts of Changes**

Upon approval of the service rates above, revenue for 2026-27 is estimated at \$161,055 and \$156,400 for controller reporting and auditing services, respectively.