

TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

Issue 1

TRA's Procurement and Contracting Processes Would Benefit from Enhanced Oversight, Formal Policies, and Best Practices to Mitigate Potential Risk.

Management Action

Rec. 1.1, Adopted

Direct TRA to expand internal oversight of construction and engineering contracting and take additional steps to centralize procurement and contracting functions.

Rec. 1.2, Adopted

Direct TRA to adopt detailed internal contract management and monitoring policies.

Rec. 1.3, Adopted

Direct TRA to adopt intermediate remedies in standard contract language.

Rec. 1.4, Adopted

Direct TRA to adopt a policy with clear criteria for contract remedies.

Rec. 1.5, Adopted

Direct TRA to adopt a formal escalation policy to prevent contract compliance issues.

Rec. 1.6, Adopted

Direct TRA to improve certain contracting activities to ensure consistency and enhance monitoring.

Issue 2

TRA Would Benefit from Restructuring and Prioritizing Its Internal Auditing Efforts to Improve Operational Efficiency and Reduce Risk.

Management Action

Rec. 2.1, Adopted

Direct TRA to have its internal audit function report directly to the board's Administration and Audit Committee.

Rec. 2.2, Adopted

Direct TRA's full board of directors to receive regular internal audit status updates and vote on internal audit-related decisions prior to their enactment.

Rec. 2.3, Adopted

Direct TRA's Administration and Audit Committee to exercise additional oversight of the internal audit function.

Issue 3

Additional Formalized Planning Would Better Position TRA for Continued Success.

Management Action**Rec. 3.1, Adopted**

Direct TRA to develop more specific work plans with action items and performance measures to evaluate progress and operationalize its current and future strategic plans.

Rec. 3.2, Adopted

Direct TRA to further plan for future communications.

Rec. 3.3, Adopted

Direct TRA to develop a formal, strategic decision-making process to identify and address potential risks and better inform its decisions.

Issue 4

TRA's Governing Law and Processes Do Not Reflect Some Standard Elements of Sunset Reviews.

Change in Statute**Rec. 4.1, Adopted**

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding the governor's appointment of the presiding officer to TRA's board.

Rec. 4.2, Adopted

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding grounds for removal of a board member to TRA's board.

Rec. 4.3, Adopted

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding board member training to TRA.

Rec. 4.4, Adopted

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding the separation of duties of board members from those of staff to TRA.

Rec. 4.5, Adopted

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement regarding public testimony to TRA.

Rec. 4.6, Adopted

Apply the standard across-the-board requirement related to developing and maintaining a complaint system and making information on complaint procedures available to the public.

Rec. 4.7, Adopted

Amend TRA's Sunset review date to 2037.

Rec. 4.8, Adopted

Amend TRA's governing law to reflect a board size of 25 directors.

Management Action

Rec. 4.9, Adopted

Direct the Texas Legislative Council to update TRA's governing law.

Rec. 4.10, Adopted

Direct TRA to publish minutes for board and committee meetings to improve transparency.