

**Subject:** Re: Two Week Status Report  
**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5:52:00 PM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** Misty Key  
**To:** Michael Fine  
**CC:** John Von Flue  
**Attachments:** SSPI Approval Request for Ojai additional staff\_S.pdf, Ojai Letter.pdf

Hi

I will review the code sections next week and respond.

We used the term “fiscal expert” because the district lacks any competent fiscal employees. Its us hiring a competent technical fiscal worker to assist the district in addition to the fiscal advisor. We know the label exists as part of another section of the code which makes it confusing.

I will read the codes you are referencing and provide the answers next week. I can also join a call to discuss if that helps too.

When we submitted the request to CDE, we had a zoom with Elizabeth and John to discuss our intent and the roles of the hired COE contracted staff. It helped them to understand our intent versus our misuse of the labeled titles. Local use of the titles mean something other than the code sections.

Misty

On Feb 16, 2023, at 5:26 PM, Michael Fine <mfine@fcmat.org> wrote:

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Thanks for sharing Misty. I remain a tad confused and want to ensure you are on solid ground regarding authority and next steps. You are calling Eva a fiscal advisor which may be part of my confusion. Will you clarify that Eva’s assignment is part of your intervention under 42127.6(a) or do you see it as under 42127.6(e) where the term fiscal advisor is used? If under (e), do you have a letter to the district that complies with (c)?

Also your letter notes that the fiscal expert is a shared cost between the county and district. EC 42127.6(a)(1)(A) provides that cost is one hundred percent the county’s obligation.

I just want to ensure I understand where you see VCOE in the progressive process of 42127.6.

Mike

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**From:** Misty Key <MKey@vcoe.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:15 AM  
**To:** Michael Fine <mfine@fcmat.org>  
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Hi,

Thanks. You are right, we might have forgot to send the latest action letter on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. We also received the approval from SPI/CDE for the contracted staff we have hired. I apologize for not keeping you in the loop sooner. This is a lot on a daily basis.....



In this letter, we also recommend the district does not cut the CBO position.

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**From:** Michael Fine <[mfine@fcmat.org](mailto:mfine@fcmat.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 8:20 AM  
**To:** Misty Key <[MKey@vcoe.org](mailto:MKey@vcoe.org)>  
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Misty

Thanks for this. After reading I recognize Eva is a fiscal advisor, not a fiscal expert. How did you progress to fiscal advisor? The last letter I saw was the downgrade of first interim and assignment of fiscal expert. You need to progress through the steps of 42127.6 to get to fiscal advisor. Let's talk about where you are at and what you've done. I'm concerned you jumped ahead, or at least I don't have copies of the notice of you jumping ahead.

Mike

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**From:** Misty Key <[MKey@vcoe.org](mailto:MKey@vcoe.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:31 PM  
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Fyi

Begin forwarded message:

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Board Members & Superintendent:

I believe transparency is important for clear understanding and developing strategies for moving forward. To accomplish that, I want to share the attached report.

It is a report I prepared for VCOE outlining my activities and those of the District over the past two weeks, some outstanding concerns, and the next steps moving forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this report or any other matter.

Many thanks, Eva  
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