



Whistleblower Hotline Report As of March 31, 2023

The San Luis Obispo County Whistleblower Hotline was established in November 2013 to provide a mechanism by which employees and citizens may contribute to the accountability, transparency, and oversight of the County by reporting suspected financial fraud, waste, and abuse. From inception in November 2013 through March 31, 2023, the Whistleblower Hotline received 312 reports.

The Whistleblower Hotline includes a toll-free hotline number (855-326-9623) and website (reportlineweb.com/sanluisobispo) which are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are administered by an independent hotline provider. Reports may be submitted anonymously.

Reports received are reviewed by the County's Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector and the Internal Audit Division in conjunction with County Counsel, Human Resources, and Department Heads, as appropriate.

Five reports were received in the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-23, ending March 31, 2023.

The 3rd quarter reports received related to the following categories:

- Misconduct (2)
- Safety/Sanitation (1)
- Timecard/Payroll Fraud (1)
- Violation of Federal/State/County Regulations (1)

The disposition of the cases includes:

- Two were referred to Human Resources
- One was referred to the appropriate Department Head
- One was referred to Code Enforcement
- One was related to non-County Operations and referred to an outside agency

The San Luis Obispo County Whistleblower Program improves controls and promotes accountability and oversight throughout the County through the identification of potential fraud, waste, and abuse. The Whistleblower Program contributes to the County's vision of a well-governed community.