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## **City of Riverside Internal Audit Division Recognized with National Award**

*Association of Local Government Auditors applauded for impact, professionalism*

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside’s Internal Audit Division has been recognized for excellence by the Association of Local Government Auditors, or ALGA, a group of peers from across the nation.

The division, led by Internal Audit Manager Cheryl Johannes, received the 2016 Distinguished Knighton Award for best performance audit. This marks the third time the division has won the award; prior years include 2005 and 2014.

ALGA said the audit, known as Wastewater Collection System – Asset Management, excelled because it had the potential for significant impact, was persuasive in its conclusions, focused on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and scored highly on clarity, conciseness and innovation.

“Riverside has the most responsible and responsive local government in California, and this award is more evidence of that,” Mayor Rusty Bailey said. “Our residents and business owners can be confident that City government is being run effectively and efficiently because our internal audit function is so strong.”

That audit and others can be found at: <http://www.riversideca.gov/audit/reports.asp>

ALGA is a national audit association founded in 1985 to support and improve government services by encouraging excellence in the internal auditing field. The group includes more than 300 local government audit organizations and advocates for collaboration, education, training and the highest standards of professional ethics.

The Riverside audit that received the award assessed the effectiveness and efficiency of five core components of wastewater asset management of the wastewater collection system. The audit raised recommendations for preserving the City’s capital investment in the sewer system while improving internal operations.

“Wastewater management can get very expensive very quickly, so it’s imperative our Public Works Department have the benefit of a strong audit to ensure our City’s efforts remain at a high level,” Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gardner said. “Congratulations to all the City employees who made this happen.”