

On Wed, Sep 20, 2017 at 9:37 AM, Steven Miller <steve@nevadajournal.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Wong —

You said something quite interesting regarding public records and government transparency at last week's IVGID board meeting.

So I wanted to give you the opportunity to clarify your meaning before Nevada Journal again goes to press.

According to my transcript, at time-point 1.33.27, you justified IVGID management's denial of chart-of-accounts information to board treasurer Dent with these words:

But if it gets shared with us, it becomes a public document. That's why it is not being shared with us.

On the face of it, you appear to be suggesting that basic financial matters must be kept from the treasurer and other board members to ensure that the broader public also remains uninformed regarding those financial matters.

Thus this inquiry to learn if you stand by those remarks — or might want to revise them.

Sincerely,

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On Thurs, Sep 21, 2017 at 9:42 AM, Kendra Wong <kwong.ivgid@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Steve,

Thank you for reaching out for clarification. In response to your question, what I meant was the law does not require IVGID to create documents as a result of a public records request. If there is a record, we provide it; however, the law does not require us to generate records to satisfy the request. If the board requests a report or document, then inherently, it becomes a public record and will be available to the public.

Specifically, regarding the chart of accounts, it does not exist as a public record but rather as part of our accounting system.

- (1) There does not exist a public document called a "chart of accounts" other than what the District produces to the public here: <https://www.yourtahoeplace.com/ivgid/financial-transparency> (click onto OpenGov tool);
- (2) IVGID does and has not created a separate document called a "chart of accounts;" and
- (3) financial data entries are entered into financial management computer software and the software is not considered a public document.

Additionally, I think it is important for you to know that when IVGID refers someone to OpenGov IVGID is pointing them to a public record that effectively reports the active account titles in use for whatever reporting period a member of the public chooses. IVGID also publishes monthly financial reports available on the website above. IVGID is not required by law to run reports and create public documents that do not exist.

In closing, I would like to invite you to sit down with me and the IVGID General Manager to answer any further questions you might have. I would like to be able to show you what financial information we have and what we don't have. I trust after you leave this meeting you will come away understanding that IVGID is open and transparent regarding finances and makes every effort to provide all the financial information it has in its possession and control to the public through OpenGov.

Best,
Kendra