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County**

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County
Clarkston, Washington

Report on Accountability

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your District to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The State Auditor's Office takes seriously our role to advocate for government accountability and transparency and to promote positive change.

Please find attached our report on Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County's accountability and compliance with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures. Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

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Audit Summary

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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County for the period from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

We evaluated internal controls and performed audit procedures on the activities of the District. We also determined whether the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

In keeping with general auditing practices, we do not examine every transaction, activity or area. Instead, the areas examined were those representing the highest risk of noncompliance, misappropriation or misuse. The following areas were examined during this audit:

- Billing/receivables
- Contracts/agreements
- Open public meetings/records laws
- Payroll/personnel
- Small and attractive assets such as computers
- Disbursements/expenditures

RESULTS

In the areas we examined, the District's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The District also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined.

Related Reports

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FINANCIAL

Our opinion on the District's financial statements is provided in a separate report, which includes the District's financial statements.

Description of the District

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ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County was formed in 1984 and took over water system operations from a private company in April 1987. The District is the exclusive distributor of residential and commercial water services to approximately 7,200 customers in Asotin County.

An elected, three-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. The Board appoints a General Manager to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its 17 employees. For fiscal year 2009, the District had an annual operation budget of approximately \$2.2 million.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:	Judy Ridge Don Nuxoll Gary Hicks
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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

General Manager	Tim Simpson
Treasurer	Bob Sischo

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: Public Utility District No. 1 of Asotin County
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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. The District has been free of findings since acquiring and beginning its operational activities in April 1987. This reflects the District's commitment to strong internal controls and compliance with state laws and regulations.



ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office is established in the state's Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the citizens of Washington and serves four-year terms.

Our mission is to work in cooperation with our audit clients and citizens as an advocate for government accountability. As an elected agency, the State Auditor's Office has the independence necessary to objectively perform audits and investigations. Our audits are designed to comply with professional standards as well as to satisfy the requirements of federal, state, and local laws.

The State Auditor's Office employees are located around the state to deliver our services effectively and efficiently.

Our audits look at financial information and compliance with state, federal and local laws on the part of all local governments, including schools, and all state agencies, including institutions of higher education. In addition, we conduct performance audits of state agencies and local governments and fraud, whistleblower and citizen hotline investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our Web site and through our free, electronic subscription service. We continue to refine our reporting efforts to ensure the results of our audits are useful and understandable.

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