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Everett Public Facilities District
Everett, 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 the Everett Public Facilities District'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,

TROY KELLEY
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 the Everett Public Facilities District from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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 period:

- Safeguarding of small and attractive assets such as computers
- Sponsorship agreements
- Debt/covenants
- Conflict of interest
- Third-party cash receipting
- Financial condition

RESULTS

In most areas, the District complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

However, we noted certain matters that we communicated to District management. We appreciate the District's commitment to resolving those matters.

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

The Everett Public Facilities District was created on April 10, 2001. The District oversees operations at the Everett Events Center. The Everett City Council approved an inter-local agreement among the city of Everett, the District, Snohomish County and Snohomish County Public Facilities District concerning participation in and financial commitments to the Center.

The District is governed by an appointed, five-member Board of Directors. A third-party management company, responsible to the Board of Directors through a contract, manages District operations. The District has no employees. Operating income, user fees and collection of sales tax rebates are the primary funding sources for the District. For fiscal year 2013, the District had operating revenue of \$8,093,443.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Directors:

Gary Weikel, President
Tom Gaffney, Treasurer
Gigi Burke, Vice President
Lanie McMullin, Secretary
Bob Bavasi, Member

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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. In the last five years, the District received one finding in 2009 related to allowable public depositories. The finding has been resolved.



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We work 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.

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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.

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