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Whatcom County Water District No. 18
Acme, 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 Whatcom County Water District No. 18's internal controls and compliance. This report will also be published on our website at www.sao.wa.gov as a matter of public record. Our audit was performed under the authority of state law (RCW 43.09.260) and included procedures we considered necessary under the circumstances.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources.

Sincerely,

TROY KELLEY
STATE AUDITOR

Audit Summary

Whatcom County Water District No. 18

July 1, 2014

ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Whatcom County Water District No. 18 from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

The objective of our audit was to evaluate the adequacy of the District's internal controls to safeguard public resources and the District's compliance with state law and its own policies. In keeping with general auditing practices, we did not review every aspect of the District's internal controls and compliance. Instead, our review focused on areas representing the highest risk of misappropriation, misuse or noncompliance.

Our report is addressed to the governing body and management of the District. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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 its own policies in the areas we examined.

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

Description of the District

Whatcom County Water District No. 18

July 1, 2014

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The District serves approximately 100 residential, commercial and business customers in the Acme area of Whatcom County. An elected, three-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. The main revenue source is from water service charges. For fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013, the District had revenue of \$121,502, \$45,134 and \$72,990, respectively.

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