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Accountability Audit Report

Kittitas County Weed District No. 1

For the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013

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Board of Directors
Kittitas County Weed District No. 1
Ellensburg, 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 Kittitas County Weed District No. 1'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 X. Kelley

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STATE AUDITOR

Audit Summary

Kittitas County Weed District No. 1
October 7, 2014

ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of Kittitas County Weed District No. 1 from January 1, 2012 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.

Description of the District

Kittitas County Weed District No. 1
October 7, 2014

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Kittitas County Weed District No. 1, through an interlocal agreement with the Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board, provides noxious weed prevention and early intervention services for agricultural lands and natural resources near Ellensburg.

An elected, three-member Board of Directors governs the District. The District's annual revenue in 2012 and 2013, primarily composed of special assessments on property within the District's boundaries, was approximately $18,500.

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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We work with our audit clients and citizens to achieve our vision of government that works for citizens, by helping governments work better, cost less, deliver higher value, and earn greater public trust.

In fulfilling our mission to hold state and local governments accountable for the use of public resources, we also hold ourselves accountable by continually improving our audit quality and operational efficiency and developing highly engaged and committed employees.

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