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Financial Statements Audit Report

San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (Orcas Island Fire & Rescue)

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

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Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

April 20, 2015

Board of Commissioners Orcas Island Fire & Rescue Eastsound, Washington

Report on Financial Statements

Please find attached our report on the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue's financial statements.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

Sincerely,

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue San Juan County January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013

Board of Commissioners Orcas Island Fire & Rescue Eastsound, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, San Juan County, Washington, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2015.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the District's financial statements in accordance with its regulatory basis of accounting. We issued an adverse opinion on the fair presentation with regard to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) because the financial statements are prepared by the District using accounting practices prescribed by Washington State statutes and the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual described in Note 1, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial

statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other

purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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TROY KELLEY STATE AUDITOR OLYMPIA, WA

March 23, 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue San Juan County January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013

Board of Commissioners Orcas Island Fire & Rescue Eastsound, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, San Juan County, Washington, for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements, as listed on page 10.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Washington State statutes and the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual prescribed by the State Auditor described in Note 1. This includes determining that the basis of accounting is acceptable for the presentation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial

statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting (BARS Manual)

As described in Note 1, the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue has prepared these financial statements to meet the financial reporting requirements of Washington State statutes using accounting practices prescribed by the State Auditor's *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. Those accounting practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The differences in these accounting practices are also described in Note 1.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) require auditors to formally acknowledge when governments do not prepare their financial statements, intended for general use, in accordance with GAAP. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between GAAP and the accounting practices the District used, as described in Note 1, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. As a result, we are required to issue an adverse opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP

The financial statements referred to above were not intended to, and in our opinion they do not, present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, as of December 31, 2013

and 2012, or the changes in financial position or cash flows for the years then ended, due to the significance of the matter discussed in the above "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. GAAP" paragraph.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedules of Liabilities are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the prescribed BARS manual. These schedules are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2015 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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TROY KELLEY STATE AUDITOR OLYMPIA, WA

March 23, 2015

FINANCIAL SECTION

Orcas Island Fire & Rescue San Juan County January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 Fund Resources and Uses Arising from Cash Transactions For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

		001 General
Beginning Cash and I	nvestments	
30810	Reserved	72
30880	Unreserved	593,046
388 & 588	Prior Period Adjustments, Net	21 2 3
Operating Revenues		
310	Taxes	2,011,156
320	Licenses & Permits	235
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	3,894
340	Charges for Goods and Services	88,135
350	Fines & Penalties	
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	20,437
Total Operating Revenu	Jes:	2,123,857
Operating Expenditur	es	
510	General Government	-
520	Public Safety	1,620,784
Total Operating Expend	1,620,784	
Net Operating Increas	e (Decrease):	503,073
Nonoperating Revenu	es	
370-380, 395 & 398	Other Financing Sources	-
391-393	Debt Proceeds	-
397	Transfers-In	-
Total Nonoperating Rev	venues:	
Nonoperating Expend	itures	
580, 596 & 599	Other Financing Uses	-
591-593	Debt Service	-
594-595	Capital Expenditures	118,399
597	Transfers-Out	-
Total Nonoperating Exp	enditures:	118,399
Net Increase (Decreas	e) in Cash and Investments:	384,674
Ending Cash and Inve	stments	
50810	Reserved	-
50880	Unreserved	977,720

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2

FUND RESOURCES AND USES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

BARS Code		001 General Fund
Beginning Cash and	d Investments	
30810	Beg Fund Bal-Reserved	0
30880	Beg Fund Bal-Unreserved	382,774
38800/58800	Prior Period Adjustments, net	0
Operating Revenue	S - La Lo La	
310	Taxes	1,965,449
320	Licenses & Permits	0
330	Intergovernmental Revenues	2,419
340	Charges for Goods and Services	29,905
350	Fines & Penalties	0
360	Miscellaneous Revenues	74,752
Total Operating Rev	venues:	2,072,525
Operating Expendit	ures	
510	General Government	50,525
520	Public Safety	1,390,949
598	Intergovernmental Payments	0
Total Operating Exp	penditures:	1,441,474
Net Operating Incre	ase (Decrease):	631,051
Nonoperating Reve	nues	
370, 380, 395, 398	Other Financing Sources	0
391-393	Debt Proceeds	0
397	97 Transfers-In	
Total Nonoperating	Revenues:	0
Nonoperating Expen	nditures	
580, 596, 599	Other Financing Uses	0
591-593	Debt Service	184,705
594-595	Capital Expenditures	236,074
597	Transfers-Out	0
Total Nonoperating	Expenditures:	420,779
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments	210,272
Ending Cash and In	vestments	
50810	End Fund Bal-Reserved	0
50880	End Fund Balance-Unreserved	593,046

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 (District) reports financial activity using the revenue and expenditure classifications, statements, and schedules contained in the *Cash Basis Budgeting*, *Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual. This basis of accounting and reporting is another comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) that is prescribed by the State Auditor's Office under the authority of Washington State law, Chapter 43.09 RCW.

The San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 was incorporated in 1948 and operates under the laws of the state of Washington applicable to a Fire District. The District is a general purpose government and provides fire and emergency medical services. The District uses single-entry, cash basis accounting which is a departure from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

A. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for with a separate set of single-entry accounts that comprises its cash, investments, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. The District's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds depending on their intended purpose. The following are the fund types used by the District:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:

General (Current Expense) Fund

This fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required or elected to be accounted for in another fund.

B. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Revenues are recognized only when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid, including those properly chargeable against the report year(s) budget appropriations as required by state law.

In accordance with state law the District also recognizes expenditures paid during twenty days after the close of the fiscal year for claims incurred during the previous period.

Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. There is no capitalization of capital assets, nor allocation of depreciation expense. Inventory is expensed when purchased.

The basis of accounting described above represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

C. Budgets

The District adopts annual appropriated budgets for the fund. The budgets is appropriated at the fund level. The budget constitutes the legal authority for expenditures at that level. Annual appropriations for these funds lapse at the fiscal year end.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund:			
Total General Fund	\$1,944,053	\$1,739,183	\$204,870

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follow:

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between departments and object classes; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

D. Cash

It is the District's policy to invest all temporary cash surpluses. The amount is included in the cash and investments shown on the statements of fund resources and uses arising from cash transactions.

E. Deposits

The District's deposits and certificates of deposit are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Washington Public Deposit Protection Commission.

- F. Investments See Note 2, Investments.
- G. Capital Assets

Capital assets are long-lived assets of the district and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

H. Compensated Absences

Vacation and Personal Time Off (PTO) leave may be accumulated up to 24 days and is payable upon separation or retirement.

Sick leave may be accumulated up to 60 days. Upon separation or retirement employees do not receive payment for unused sick leave.

The value of accrued vacation and PTO as of December 31, 2013 is \$32,522.

Note 2 - Investments

The District's investments are either insured, registered or held by San Juan County or its agent in the District's name.

Investments are presented at market value.

Investments by type at December 31, 2013 are as follows:

Type of Investment	① District's own investments	② Investments held by District as an agent for other local governments, individuals or private organizations.	③ Total
L.G.I.P. U.S. Government Securities Other:	\$517,365	\$0	\$517,365
Total	\$517,365	\$0	\$517,365

Note 3 - Property Tax

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by San Juan County. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The District's regular levy for the year 2013 was \$1.0346 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$1,937,788,858 for a total regular levy of \$2,004,791.

Note 4 - Pension Plans

Substantially all District full-time uniformed employees participate in LEOFF 2 Retirement Plan administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multipleemployer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the District's financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits.

Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

Department of Retirement Systems Communications Unit PO Box 48380 Olympia, WA 98504-8380

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Purchases of capital assets are expensed during the year of acquisition. There is no capitalization of capital assets, nor allocation of depreciation expense. Inventory is expensed when purchased.

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Annual appropriated budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting as used for financial reporting.

Fund/Department	Final Appropriated Amounts	Actual Expenditures	Variance
General Fund:			
Total General Fund	\$1,908,453	\$1,862,253	\$46,200

The appropriated and actual expenditures for the legally adopted budgets were as follow:

Budgeted amounts are authorized to be transferred between departments and object classes; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a fund, or that affect the number of authorized employee positions, salary ranges, hours, or other conditions of employment must be approved by the District's legislative body.

D. Cash

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The value of accrued vacation and PTO as of December 31, 2012 is \$24,482.

Note 2 - Investments

The District's investments are either insured, registered or held by San Juan County or its agent in the District's name.

Investments are presented at market value.

Investments by type at December 31, 2012 are as follows:

Type of Investment D District's own investment		Image: District's own investments Investments held by District as an agent for other local governments, individuals or private organizations.	
L.G.I.P.	\$652,365	\$0	\$652,365
Total	\$652,365	\$0	\$652,365

Note 3 - Property Tax

The county treasurer acts as an agent to collect property tax levied in the county for all taxing authorities. Collections are distributed at the end of each month.

Property tax revenues are recognized when cash is received by San Juan County. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible because a lien affixes to the property after tax is levied.

The District's regular levy for the year 2012 was \$0.7054101262 per \$1,000 on an assessed valuation of \$2,791,175,625 for a total regular levy of \$1,968,924.

Note 4 - Debt Service Requirements

The accompanying Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities (09) provides more details of the outstanding debt and liabilities of the District and summarizes the District's debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The debt service payment for the fiscal year being reported and future payment requirements are as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds	Revenue Bonds	Other Debt	Total
2012	\$184,100	\$0	\$0	\$184,100
2013 - 2017	<u>\$</u> 0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0
Total	\$184,100	\$0	\$0	\$184,100

Note 5 - Pension Plans

Substantially all District full-time uniformed employees participate in LEOFF 2 Retirement Plan administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, under cost-sharing multipleemployer public employee defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans. Actuarial information is on a system-wide basis and is not considered pertinent to the District's financial statements. Contributions to the systems by both employee and employer are based upon gross wages covered by plan benefits. Historical trend or other information regarding each plan is presented in the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems annual financial report. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing to:

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San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 Schedule of Liabilities For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Ending Balance		32,522	32,522	32.522
Reductions		ſ		.
Additions		8,040	8,040	8,040
Beginning Balance		24,482	24,482	24,482
Due Date			Total General Obligations:	Total Liabilities:
Description	Dbligations	Compensated Abscences		
ID. No.	General Obli	259.11		

San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 2 Schedule of Liabilities For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Ending Balance		Ē	24,282	24,282	24,282
Reductions		175,000		175,000	175,000
Additions		Ē	24,482	24,482	24,482
Beginning Balance		175,000		175,000	175,000
Due Date		12/1/2014		Total General Obligations:	Total Liabilities:
Description	ligations	Bond	Compensated Abscences		
ID. No.	General Obligations	251.11	259.11		

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.

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.

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.

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 as well as <u>fraud</u>, state <u>whistleblower</u> and <u>citizen hotline</u> investigations.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our <u>website</u> and through our free, electronic <u>subscription</u> service.

We take our role as partners in accountability seriously, and provide training and technical assistance to governments, and have an extensive quality assurance program.

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