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King County

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Board of Commissioners
Ronald Wastewater District
Shoreline, 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 Ronald Wastewater 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 Ronald Wastewater District from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

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:

- Side sewer improvements
- Travel
- Third-party cash receipting
- Accounts receivable
- Conflict of interest

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

The Ronald Wastewater District was incorporated in 1951 and was previously known as the Ronald Sewer District and Shoreline Wastewater Management District. It serves approximately 53,000 residents and businesses located in the city of Shoreline and the Point Wells portion of unincorporated Snohomish County. The District maintains approximately 190 miles of pipeline, 16 pump stations, 22 grinder pumps and approximately 16,342 side sewer connections. The District has one major facility building where the District's office is located. The District contracts with King County and the city of Edmonds for sewage treatment services.

An elected, five-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. Board Members serve staggered, six-year terms. The Board appoints a General Manager to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its 15 employees. Total operating revenue for 2010, 2011 and 2012, was approximately \$12 million, \$13 million and \$13 million, respectively.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:	Brian T. Carroll
	Arnold H. Lind
	Richard Matthews (effective August 2012)
	Robert Ransom (effective January 2011)
	Arthur L. Wadekamper

Note: George Webster replaced Richard Matthews effective November 2013 and Gretchen Atkinson replaced Arthur Wadekamper January 1, 2014.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

General Manager	Michael Derrick
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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District every two years, with the exception of the current audit, which covers three years. This audit marks the fifth consecutive audit no findings were reported for the District.



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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 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 services effectively and efficiently.

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