

# **Washington State Auditor's Office**

## **Accountability Audit Report**

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### **East Wenatchee Water District Douglas County**

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## Washington State Auditor Troy Kelley

August 4, 2014

Board of Commissioners  
East Wenatchee Water District  
East Wenatchee, 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 East Wenatchee Water 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**

## **East Wenatchee Water District Douglas County July 23, 2014**

### ***ABOUT THE AUDIT***

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the East Wenatchee Water 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:

- Utility billings/receipting
- Bank account transfers

### ***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**

**East Wenatchee Water District  
Douglas County  
July 23, 2014**

### ***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**

### **East Wenatchee Water District Douglas County July 23, 2014**

#### ***ABOUT THE DISTRICT***

The East Wenatchee Water District was established in 1923 to provide water services to both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of East Wenatchee. The District serves a 27 square-mile area with a population of approximately 27,000 residents.

An elected, three-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. The Board appoints a General Manager to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its 20 full-time employees. For the years under audit, the District operated on annual budgets of approximately \$4.1 million.

#### ***ELECTED OFFICIALS***

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:

Mike McCourt  
Brian Egan  
Terry Barnes

#### ***APPOINTED OFFICIALS***

General Manager  
Controller

Greg Brizendine  
David Smith (through April 2013)  
Kristine Nicklas (effective May 2013)

#### ***DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION***

Address: East Wenatchee Water District  
692 Eastmont Avenue  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

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## ***AUDIT HISTORY***

We audit the District every two years except this most recent audit, which covered a three-year period. The past five audits of the District have reported no findings.



## **ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

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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.

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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