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Board of Commissioners
Clark County Fire Protection District No. 6
Vancouver, 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 Clark County Fire Protection District No. 6'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Sonntag".

BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
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 Clark County Fire Protection District No. 6 from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

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:

- Cash receipting
- Small and attractive assets
- Pharmaceutical inventories
- Open public meetings laws
- Disbursements/expenditures
- Payroll/personnel
- Procurement (bidding/prevaling wage)

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

Clark County Fire District No. 6 was created in 1954 and serves the unincorporated communities of Hazel Dell, Lakeshore, Felida, Salmon Creek and Mt. Vista. The District operates three fire stations (a fourth station is jointly operated by the District and Clark County Fire and Rescue) to serve approximately 65,000 residents in 37 square miles. The services provided to these communities include emergency medical, advanced life support, fire protection and a public education program.

An elected three-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. The Board appoints a Fire Chief to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its approximately 60 employees. For 2010, the District operated on an annual budget of \$10,991,002.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:

Casey Collins
Dean Bloemke
Richard Spring

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Fire Chief

Jerry Green

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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AUDIT HISTORY

Typically, we audit the District every two years. However, the prior audit covered a three-year period, with the current audit covering one year. Future audits will be conducted every two years. The District has been free of findings for the last five years.



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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.

Our mission is to 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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