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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 Clark Regional 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,

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 the Clark Regional Wastewater District from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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:

- Billings/receivables
- Debt/covenants

- Payments/expenditures
- Open public meeting minutes

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 Clark Regional Wastewater District, formed on May 22, 1958, currently serves 25,100 customer accounts within unincorporated areas of Clark County. The District operates and maintains approximately 527 miles of sewer lines and 49 pump stations.

An elected, three-member Board of Commissioners governs the District. The Board appoints management to oversee the District's daily operations as well as its 44 employees. For fiscal year 2011 the District operated on an \$18.1 million annual budget.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Board of Commissioners:

Norm Harker Neil Kimsey Denny Kiggins

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

General Manager Finance Director John Peterson Ken Andrews

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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AUDIT HISTORY

We audit the District annually. We have reported no findings since the District's inception.



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