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King County

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Mayor and City Council
City of Black Diamond
Black Diamond, Washington

Report on Accountability

We appreciate the opportunity to work in cooperation with your City 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 City of Black Diamond'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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ABOUT THE AUDIT

This report contains the results of our independent accountability audit of the City of Black Diamond from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

We evaluated internal controls and performed audit procedures on the activities of the City. We also determined whether the City 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:

- Capital contributions
- Conflict of interest/ethics laws
- Hotline/citizen concern
- General disbursements
- Payroll

RESULTS

In the areas we examined, the City's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The City 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 City's financial statements is provided in a separate report, which includes the City's financial statements.

Description of the City

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ABOUT THE CITY

The City of Black Diamond, incorporated in 1959, is classified as a noncharter code city located in King County. The City provides its approximately 4,160 residents with police, fire, water, sewer, public works, cemetery and municipal court services.

An elected, five-member Council and an independently elected Mayor govern the City. The Council appoints management to oversee the City's daily operations as well as its approximately 50 employees. For fiscal years 2011 and 2012, the City reported expenditures of \$7.6 million and \$7.4 million, respectively.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

These officials served during the audit period:

Mayor	Rebecca Olness
City Council:	Kristine Hanson (through December 2011)
	Bill Boston (through December 2011)
	William Saas (January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2012)
	Craig Goodwin
	Leih Mulvihill (through December 2011)
	Joe May (January 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013)
	Tamie Deady (effective January 1, 2012 to current)
	Janie Eldeman
	Carol Benson (effective March 1, 2012 current)
	Ron Taylor

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

City Administrator	Brenda Martinez
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AUDIT HISTORY

The City is audited every two years. We have reported no findings in the last 10 audits.



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 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.

The results of our work are widely distributed through a variety of reports, which are available on our Web site and through our free, electronic subscription service.

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

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