

DISTRICT AUDITS

Relative Information: Municipal corporations in Oregon must comply with Municipal Audit Law, ORS 297.405 - 297.555. Minimum standards for audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations are addressed in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 162 Division 10.

An "audit," as defined in OAR 162-010-0010, is "An independent, objective examination of the accounts, financial affairs, and performance of a government municipality for the purpose of determining the results of operation for the period under review and the financial position at the end of the period. The examination includes an evaluation of the system of internal control, a review of the accounting records and procedures, and a gathering of appropriate evidence from external sources".

The District contracts with an accountant who is authorized to conduct municipal audits in Oregon in accordance with State Contract Review Laws. The audit is conducted annually for the preceding fiscal year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, Government Auditing Standards prescribed by the United States General Accounting Office, and the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations.

The Auditor formally expresses an "opinion" on the fairness and accuracy with which the District's financial statements present its financial position, compliance with law, and generally accepted accounting principles and practices.

The District audit of the previous fiscal year is normally conducted in the months of September and October and presented to the Board in November. The Chief Finance Officer works with the Auditor to collect information and data. The Board generally appoints its Secretary/Treasurer to meet with the Auditor, Fire Chief, and Chief Finance Officer to review the findings of the audit prior to formal presentation to the Board.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the Board of Directors to schedule a review with the Auditor, Administrative Staff, and the Board Secretary/Treasurer prior to formal presentation to the Board of Directors.

It is the policy of the Board to work with the Administrative Staff and auditor on the implementation of any recommendations that are necessary or advisable to improve the District's financial management systems and procedures.