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## Office of the Utah State Auditor Releases Investigative Reports Related to Flooding in the Douglas-Hiland Neighborhood in Ogden City, Utah

## Salt Lake City, UTAH -

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today released two investigative reports related to Flooding in the Douglas-Hiland Neighborhood in Ogden City, Utah.

The Office has a hotline program, through which the Office receives complaints related to state and local governments. The Office received complaints related to the groundwater flooding which began to occur in the Douglas-Hiland neighborhood in Ogden City, Utah at the end of June 2015. The primary complaints centered on the perception that all of the providers of water in the neighborhood were not adequately working to identify the cause of the flooding.

The Office conducted an investigation into the performance of Ogden City's Water Utility Division and Weber-Box Elder Conservation District (which is part of a group of entities nicknamed Pineview Water Systems) in relation to this flooding.

The two reports may be found on the Office's website, <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>, specifically the reports can be found as follows:

- The Ogden City Water Utility Division Report No. 16-WBEC-8Lb at http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2015/15-WBEC-8LbOgdenCityOgdenCity.pdf
- The Weber-Box Elder Conservation District Report No. 16-WBEC-8La at <a href="http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2015/15-WBEC-8LaWeber-BoxElderWeber-BoxElderConservationDistrict.pdf">http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2015/15-WBEC-8LaWeber-BoxElderWeber-BoxElderConservationDistrict.pdf</a>

## About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities

strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>.

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