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UTAH STATE AUDITOR

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**Office of the Utah State Auditor
Releases Review of the Mapleton Irrigation District**

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today released its review of the Mapleton Irrigation District (District). The Office found that the District financial officer stole over \$100,000 between January 2006 and April 2015. The governing board's failure to provide adequate oversight and to comply with applicable laws provided the opportunity for the theft to occur without detection. In addition, one Board Member was also a paid employee of the District, a situation that is specifically prohibited by law. The Office detected the fraud as part of its review process of local government entities.

The full Review may be found on the Office's website, auditor.utah.gov, specifically at <http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2015/15-MPIC-8LMapletonIrrigationDistrictMapletonIrrigationDistrict.pdf>.

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 auditor.utah.gov.

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