

# **Los Salazar Community Ditch Association**

**Independent Accountant's Report  
on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures (TIER 3)**

**For Year Ended December 31, 2013**



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**State of New Mexico  
Los Salazar Community Ditch Association  
Official Roster  
December 31, 2013**

**Board of Commissioners**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Title</b></u>
Benito Vigil	President
Darel Madrid	Treasurer
Stacey Talachy	Secretary



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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Los Salazar Community Ditch Association

We have performed the procedures enumerated below for the Los Salazar Community Ditch Association (the Association) for the year ended December 31, 2013, solely to assist in determining compliance with the provisions of the Audit Act for a Tier 3 entity per Section 12-6-3 B (3) NMSA 1978 and Section 2.2.2.16 NMAC. The procedures were agreed to by the Association through the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor (OSA). The Association's management is responsible for its accounting records and the subject matter. This agreed upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. **Procedure** - Verify the local public body's revenue calculation and tier determination documented on the form provided at [www.osanm.org](http://www.osanm.org) under "Tiered System Reporting Main Page."

#### **Results of Procedure 1**

We verified the Association's revenue calculation and determination form as a Tier 3 agreed upon procedure engagement. The Association's total revenue for year ended December 2013 totaled \$16,015 (excluding capital outlay grants). Based on this information, the Association was properly determined to be a Tier 3 entity for 2013 since their total revenues were less than \$50,000 and they expended more than 50% of the state capital outlay appropriation from the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC).

2. **Capital Outlay and Procurement**

Test all state-funded capital outlay expenditures.

- a. **Procedure** - Determine that the amount recorded as disbursed agrees to adequate supporting documentation. Verify that amount, payee, date and description agree to the purchase order, contract, vendor's invoice and canceled check, as appropriate.

**Results of Procedure 2a**

We determined the amount disbursed agreed with the supporting documentation. The amount, payee, date and description of the purchase agreed with the vendor's invoice, contract and canceled check.

- b. **Procedure** - Determine that cash disbursements were properly authorized and approved in accordance with the budget, legal requirements and established policies and procedures.

**Results of Procedure 2b**

We determined the cash disbursement was properly authorized and approved and in accordance with the project budget, legal requirements and established policies and procedures.

- c. **Procedure** - Determine that the bid process (or request for proposal process if applicable), purchase orders, contracts and agreements were processed in accordance with the New Mexico Procurement Code and State Purchasing Regulations (Section 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978 and 1.4.1 NMAC).

**Results of Procedure 2c**

We determined the Association obtained bids/quotes and entered into contracts in accordance with the New Mexico Procurement Code and State Purchasing Regulations.

- d. **Procedure** - Determine the physical existence (by observation) of the capital asset based on expenditures to date.

**Results of Procedure 2d**

Given the recent health precautions, physical observation/contact has been limited during this time period in which the AUPs are being conducted, and alternative procedures are deemed sufficient. Alternative procedures included obtaining limited pictures of the project with descriptions from the Association's Treasurer, Darel Madrid via email. This procedure is deemed sufficient to affirm that the work was done.

- e. Verify that status reports were submitted to the state agency per terms of agreement and amounts in the status report agree with the general ledger and other supporting documentation.

### **Results of Procedure 2e**

The agreement with the NMISC does not require the Association to submit status reports. The agreement required the Association to submit a reimbursement form certifying the percentage of the project budget completed to receive the reimbursement. We verified the Association's reimbursement for agreed with the project budget.

3. **Procedure** - If the project was funded in advance, determine if the award balance (and cash balance) appropriately reflects the percentage of completion based on the project schedule and expenditures to date.

### **Results of Procedure 3**

The project was not funded in advance but on a reimbursement basis.

4. **Procedure** - If the project is complete, determine if there is an unexpended balance and whether it was reverted per statute and agreement with the grantor.

### **Results of Procedure 4**

The project is complete and there was no unexpended balance.

5. **Procedure** - Determine whether cash received for the award was accounted for in a separate fund or separate bank account that is non-interest bearing if so required by the capital outlay award agreement.

### **Results of Procedure 5**

The agreement with NMISC did not require funds to be held in a separate bank account.

6. **Procedure** - Determine whether reimbursement requests were properly supported by costs incurred by the recipient. Determine whether the costs were paid by the local public body prior to the request for reimbursement.

## Results of Procedure 6

The request for reimbursement was properly supported by costs incurred by the Association. The Association submitted a Request for Reimbursement Form with the NMISC based on an unpaid invoice provided by the contractor who had performed the work on the Association's project. The costs were not paid by the Association prior to the request for reimbursement in accordance with the terms of the engagement.

7. **Procedure** - If information comes to the IPA's attention (regardless of materiality) indicating any fraud, illegal acts, noncompliance, or any internal control deficiencies, such instances must be disclosed in the report as required by Section 12-6-6 NMSA 1978. The findings must include the required content per Section 2.2.2.10 (L) NMAC.

## Results of Procedure 7

The Association was not in compliance with the reporting requirements as noted in Finding 2011-001 (Repeated). We did not note other instances of noncompliance or instances of fraud or illegal acts that came to attention.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Tier 3 agreed upon procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the Association, the OSA, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, and the New Mexico State Legislature and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Office of the State Auditor*

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June 4, 2020



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**Exhibit 1 – Schedule of Capital Outlay Awards**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

	<u><b>Note 1</b></u>
Amount awarded to the Association	\$ 100,000
Amount received by the Association (as of 12/31/2013)	100,000
Amount expended by the Association in prior years	98,461
Amount expended by the Association in current year	<u>1,539</u>
Remaining balance	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

**Agreement Provisions**

**Note 1:** Capital Project Agreement for access road improvements

**Legislative Authority:** 2007 New Mexico Laws, Chapter 42, Section 67, Item 34

**Legislative and Effective Date:** February 7, 2008

**Agreement Termination / Reversion Date:** Extended to July 1, 2013

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Schedule of Findings and Responses  
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	<u>Status</u>	<u>Finding Number</u>
<b>Prior Year Finding: Late Financial Reporting</b>	<b>Repeated</b>	<b>2011-001</b>

**2011-001 – Late Financial Reporting (Repeated)**

**Condition:** The Association did not submit the 2013 agreed upon procedures (AUP) report to the OSA by the required due date of no later than five months after the fiscal year end. Management did not make progress in resolving the prior year finding because the agreed upon procedures for fiscal year end 2011, 2012, and 2013 were performed concurrently.

**Criteria:** Section 2.2.2.16(H)(1) NMAC (Audit Rule) states that “Local public bodies with a fiscal year end other than June 30 shall submit the AUP report or certification no later than five months after the fiscal year-end.”

**Effect:** Noncompliance with the Audit Rule could impact the Association’s ability to receive funding. Decision making bodies such as the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Office of the State Auditor, and the New Mexico Legislature did not have timely information regarding the Association.

**Cause:** Due to the nature of the Association being run by mostly volunteers and the short term of their service, the officers of the Association were not keeping abreast of the tier determination and tier certification requirements.

**Recommendation:** The Association should implement procedures to ensure the annual financial reporting requirements to the OSA are completed timely.

**Agency Response:** Since involvement with Los Salazar Community Ditch Association Commissioners in 2017, the Treasurer has instituted sound accounting practices and maintained accurate and responsible reporting to various state agencies including the New Mexico State Auditor’s Office. A template has been established for future treasurers’ of Los Salazar Community Ditch Association to follow with ease.

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**Exit Conference**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2013**

On June 4, 2020 an exit conference was held with the following individuals to discuss the results of the agreed upon procedures and the contents of this report.

Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Darel Madrid	Treasurer, Los Salazar Community Ditch Association
Benito Vigil	President, Los Salazar Community Ditch Association
Stacey Talachy	Secretary, Los Salazar Community Ditch Association
Natalie Cordova, CPA	Deputy State Auditor
Liza Kerr, CPA	Audit Manager, OSA
Darla Brewer, CFE	Audit Supervisor, OSA