

Financial Statements and Reports of  
Independent Certified Public Accountants

**Mid County Service District No. 14**  
**A Component Unit of**  
**Multnomah County, Oregon**

June 30, 2001 and 2000

## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS\* AS OF JUNE 30, 2001  
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**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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## DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES

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### FINANCE DIVISION

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December 7, 2001

Honorable County Chair and  
Board of County Commissioners  
Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon

We are pleased to submit the Financial Statements and Additional Information Report for Mid County Service District No. 14, Portland, Oregon (the District), for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000. This report includes the opinion of our independent auditors, Grant Thornton LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

We prepared this report for the Secretary of the State of Oregon as required under ORS 297.425. The District's financial statements are also included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Multnomah County (the County) as a blended component unit. This is necessary because the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County maintains overall financial accountability for the District.

Mid County Service District No. 14 was organized in 1968 as Tulip Acres Lighting District under the provisions of ORS Chapter 451. The District now provides street lighting to the unincorporated urban areas of the County, and the cities of Maywood Park, Troutdale and Fairview.

The District is accounted for as an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds generate revenue for operations by charging user fees to recover all costs of providing goods and services to the public. The measurement focus is on a flow of economic resources and the accrual basis of accounting is used. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded at the time they are earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred.

Oregon Budget Law requires the use of budgetary control. The "Additional Information" section of the report includes the related budgetary schedule.

Operating revenues, consisting primarily of \$35 per household user assessments, have followed population. Since 1995 operating revenues have increased approximately 4.2% annually and operating expenses have increased approximately 6.2% over the same time period. As a result, the District continues to maintain a strong working capital position and has no long-term debt. Following is a summary of some key financial data which is summarized from current and prior years' financial statements:

	Year ended June 30				
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 188,369	\$ 189,116	\$ 182,251	\$ 179,130	\$ 170,549
Depreciation expense	95,224	85,750	76,984	70,842	65,509
Operating loss	(160,761)	(108,996)	(118,597)	(69,228)	(60,052)
Net income (loss)	313,689	(60,269)	(73,160)	(23,469)	(17,186)
Net capital contributions (annexation less reductions)	416,910	17,419	363,810	143,537	122,706
Property and equipment, at cost:					
Additions	424,318	41,035	371,233	159,444	124,297
Deletions	13,578	18,566	8,849	21,163	3,402
Net working capital	832,215	847,621	836,376	832,552	785,179
Total assets	2,048,869	1,734,649	1,806,696	1,484,730	1,363,988
Total equity	2,029,312	1,719,607	1,762,457	1,471,807	1,351,739

I would like to acknowledge the help of the Finance Division staff, especially Bill Moravics, Financial Specialist II, and Mindy Harris, Accounting Manager, who aided me in the preparation of this report. I appreciate their excellent work. I also want to thank the staff in the Department of Sustainable Community Development for their contributions during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Boyer, CCM  
Finance Director

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

The Board of County Commissioners  
Mid County Service District No. 14

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Mid County Service District No. 14 as of June 30, 2001 and 2000 and for the years then ended, as listed in the Financial Section of the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Mid County Service District No. 14's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mid County Service District No. 14 as of June 30, 2001 and 2000 and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents as "Additional Information" are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Mid County Service District No. 14. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRANT THORNTON LLP

Portland, Oregon  
December 4, 2001

By: /s/ Gary C. Homsley



**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>June 30</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets:		
Deposits with fiscal agents (Note 2)	\$ 840,749	\$ 850,733
Receivables, net (Note 3)	<u>11,023</u>	<u>11,930</u>
Total current assets	<u>851,772</u>	<u>862,663</u>
Property and equipment, at cost	1,913,678	1,502,937
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(716,581)</u>	<u>(630,951)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>1,197,097</u>	<u>871,986</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,048,869</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,734,649</u></u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u></b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ <u>19,557</u>	\$ <u>15,042</u>
Equity:		
Contributed capital (Note 4)	1,599,396	1,603,380
Retained earnings	<u>429,916</u>	<u>116,227</u>
Total equity	<u>2,029,312</u>	<u>1,719,607</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u><u>\$ 2,048,869</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,734,649</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of the component unit financial statements.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES  
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS**

	<b>Year Ended June 30</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Operating revenue:		
Street lighting assessments	\$ 188,369	\$ 189,116
Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales and services	239,960	197,391
Administrative support (Note 6)	13,946	14,971
Depreciation	95,224	85,750
Total operating expenses	349,130	298,112
Operating loss	(160,761)	(108,996)
Non-operating revenue:		
Interest income	53,556	48,727
Contributed fixed assets	420,894	0
Total non-operating revenues	474,450	48,727
Net income (loss)	313,689	(60,269)
Retained earnings, beginning of year	116,227	176,496
Retained earnings, end of year	\$ 429,916	\$ 116,227

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of the component unit financial statements.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>Year Ended June 30</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Operating loss	\$ (160,761)	\$ (108,996)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	95,224	85,750
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in receivables	907	(1,190)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,514	(29,197)
Net cash provided by operating activities	(60,116)	(53,633)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition of fixed assets	(3,424)	(14,236)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(3,424)	(14,236)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest income	53,556	48,727
Net cash provided by investing activities	53,556	48,727
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(9,984)	(19,142)
Deposits with fiscal agents, beginning of year	850,733	869,875
Deposits with fiscal agents, end of year	\$ 840,749	\$ 850,733
Noncash investing, capital and financing activities:		
Disposal of fixed assets, net book value	\$ (3,983)	\$ (9,380)

The accompanying notes are an integral part  
of the component unit financial statements.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14**  
**A COMPONENT UNIT OF**  
**MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**June 30, 2001 and 2000**

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Mid County Service District No. 14 (the District) was organized in 1968 under the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 451 to provide street lighting in unincorporated urban areas of Multnomah County (the County) and the cities of Maywood Park, Troutdale and Fairview. The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is the governing body of the Service District, as provided for by ORS 451.485.

Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared for purposes of Oregon statutory reporting requirements. As the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners maintains overall financial accountability for the District, the financial statements of the District are included in the financial statements of the County, as an enterprise fund.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded at the time they are earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred. The measurement focus is on the flow of economic resources. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the balance sheet. All Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, have been applied.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost at time of acquisition, or fair value for donated assets. Fixed assets valued at estimated historical costs are minor. Normal maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Expenditures for major additions, improvements and replacements are capitalized. Gain or loss on retirement or disposal is reflected in income.

Depreciation on property and equipment is provided on the straight-line method at rates based on the estimated lives of the related assets, which are 10 to 30 years for street lighting systems and equipment. Depreciation on assets acquired through contributions is charged to retained earnings.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
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MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Budgets

The District prepares budgets as required by State law. The budget process is described in the Multnomah County June 30, 2001 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Cash Flows

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the District considers the account titled Deposits with Fiscal Agents, which consists of the District's share of cash held by the County Finance Division in a manner similar to a cash management pool, to be cash and cash equivalents.

2. Deposits with Fiscal Agents

Cash is held by the County Finance Division and is commingled with the cash, time deposits and investment accounts of the County. The District is allocated investment earnings based on its proportionate cash balance monthly. See the Multnomah County June 30, 2001 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for: basis of investments, types of investments and information regarding the risk categories of investments held.

3. Receivables

	June 30	
	2001	2000
Street lighting assessments	\$12,947	\$12,231
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,000)	(500)
Subtotal	10,947	11,731
Receivables from foreclosures	76	199
Receivables, net	<u>\$11,023</u>	<u>\$11,930</u>

The allowance for doubtful accounts represents the District's best estimate of receivable amounts that will not be collected. In determining the allowance, the District considers historical write offs as well as current economic factors.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

4. Contributed Capital

The following is a summary of the activity in the contributed capital account:

Contributed Capital, June 30, 1999	\$1,585,961
Add: Contributions from customers and others	26,799
Deduct: Reduction due to annexation	<u>(9,380)</u>
Contributed Capital, June 30, 2000	1,603,380
Deduct: Reduction due to annexation	<u>(3,984)</u>
Contributed Capital, June 30, 2001	<u>\$1,599,396</u>

5. Transactions with Multnomah County

The County Department of Sustainable Community Development provides operating management and planning for the District. General administrative functions are performed by other units of the County. All services are performed on a cost reimbursement basis. Reimbursements to the County were \$13,946 and \$14,971 for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

6. Annexations and Intergovernmental Agreements

In 1983 the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution A which stated the County's intention to phase out municipal services provided to urbanized unincorporated areas of the County. As a result, large areas of the District have been annexed by other jurisdictions and further annexations are expected.

The District records the transfer of street lights to the cities of Gresham, Troutdale and Portland on an annual basis. During the year ended June 30, 2001 the City of Portland annexed street lighting facilities with a net book value of \$3,984.

At the ultimate dissolution of the District, its remaining assets will be distributed to the successors in proportion to the number of customers absorbed by each entity.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
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MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

7. Risk Management

See Note 14 - Risk Management in Multnomah County's June 30, 2001 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for information pertaining to risk management activities.

8. Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications were made to the 2000 numbers in order to conform to the current year presentation.

9. GASB No. 33

The County adopted GASB No. 33, Accounting for Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, effective July 1, 2000. Accordingly, the County began recognizing capital contributions to proprietary funds as revenues instead of contributed capital.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**BUDGETARY BASIS**

The following Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures for the Service District is prepared on a budgetary basis which differs from generally accepted accounting principles and the accompanying component unit financial statements in the following respects:

- Street lighting assessment revenue is recognized as it becomes measurable and available;
- Capital outlay is reflected as an expenditure;
- Contributed capital, other than non-current assets, is reflected as revenue; and
- Depreciation is not recorded.

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -  
BUDGET AND BUDGETARY BASIS ACTUAL  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001  
(Unaudited - See accompanying auditors' report)**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance favorable (unfavorable)</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Assessments - street lighting			
Current year	\$ 185,000	\$ 183,208	\$ (1,792)
Prior years'		3,903	3,903
Penalties and Interest		815	815
Interest	45,000	53,556	8,556
Other	1,000	76	(924)
Total revenues	<u>231,000</u>	<u>241,558</u>	<u>10,558</u>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>825,000</u>	<u>837,337</u>	<u>12,337</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,056,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,895</u>	<u>\$ 22,895</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Environmental Services:			
Materials and services	\$ 235,000	\$ 252,406	\$ (17,406)
Capital outlay	150,000	3,424	146,576
Contingency	25,000		25,000
Total expenditures	<u>410,000</u>	<u>255,830</u>	<u>154,170</u>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>646,000</u>	<u>823,065</u>	<u>177,065</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,056,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,895</u>	<u>\$ 22,895</u>

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14**  
**A COMPONENT UNIT OF**  
**MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**  
**SCHEDULES OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TRANSACTIONS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 AND 2000**  
**(Unaudited - See accompanying auditors' report)**

**Fiscal Year 2001**

	<u>Amounts Uncollected June 30, 2000</u>	<u>Levy/ Assessments as Extended by Assessor</u>	<u>Discounts Allowed</u>	<u>Interest Received</u>	<u>Cancellations and Adjustments</u>	<u>Interest and Tax/ Assessment Collections</u>	<u>Amounts Uncollected June 30, 2001</u>
<b>General Fund Special Assessment</b>							
2000-2001	\$ -	\$ 194,464	\$ (4,582)	\$ 114	\$ (449)	\$ (182,453)	\$ 7,094
1999-2000	6,636			167	(1,018)	(2,767)	3,018
1998-1999	2,731			101	(607)	(755)	1,470
1996-1997 and prior years	2,916			433	(330)	(1,654)	1,365
	<u>\$ 12,283</u>	<u>\$ 194,464</u>	<u>\$ (4,582)</u>	<u>\$ 815</u>	<u>\$ (2,404)</u>	<u>\$ (187,629)</u>	<u>\$ 12,947</u>

**Fiscal Year 2000**

	<u>Amounts Uncollected June 30, 1999</u>	<u>Levy/ Assessments as Extended by Assessor</u>	<u>Discounts Allowed</u>	<u>Interest Received</u>	<u>Cancellations and Adjustments</u>	<u>Interest and Tax/ Assessment Collections</u>	<u>Amounts Uncollected June 30, 2000</u>
<b>General Fund Special Assessment</b>							
1999-2000	\$ -	\$ 193,117	\$ (4,618)	\$ 106	\$ (159)	\$ (181,810)	\$ 6,636
1998-1999	5,822			240	(207)	(3,124)	2,731
1997-1998	2,611			203	(129)	(1,272)	1,413
1996-1997 and prior years	2,707			363	(128)	(1,439)	1,503
	<u>\$ 11,140</u>	<u>\$ 193,117</u>	<u>\$ (4,618)</u>	<u>\$ 912</u>	<u>\$ (623)</u>	<u>\$ (187,645)</u>	<u>\$ 12,283</u>

**MID COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 14**  
**A COMPONENT UNIT OF**  
**MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**  
**RECONCILIATION OF BUDGETARY REVENUES**  
**TO INTEREST AND TAX/ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS**  
**(Unaudited - See accompanying auditors' report)**

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	<u>Year ended June 30</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Revenues, per Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Budgetary Basis Actual:</b>		
Current year special assessments	\$ 183,323	\$ 182,527
Prior years' special assessments	4,603	5,426
<b>Add:</b>		
Sixty day tax/assessment accrual, net	<u>(297)</u>	<u>(308)</u>
<b>Interest and Tax/Assessment Collections, per Schedule of Special Assessment Transactions</b>	<u>\$ 187,629</u>	<u>\$ 187,645</u>

**REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
REQUIRED BY STATUTES**

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants  
on the District's Compliance and Certain Items Based on  
an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed  
in Accordance with Oregon Auditing Standards

The Board of County Commissioners  
Mid County Service District No. 14

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Mid County Service District No. 14 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, prescribed by the Secretary of State. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to Mid County Service District No. 14 is the responsibility of District's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. However, our objective was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Certain areas covered, as required by Oregon Administrative Rules 162-10-230 through 162-10-320, included but were not limited to the following:

Accounting and Internal Control Structure - Our report on the accounting and internal control structure is presented separately under this cover.

Programs funded from outside sources - Pertaining to programs funded with state and federal revenues, if any.

Financial Reporting Requirements - Whether financial reports and related data filed with other governmental agencies, if any, in conjunction with programs funded wholly or partially by such agencies were in agreement with or supported by the accounting records.

Compliance with Legal or Other Requirements -

Accounting Records - Pertaining to the condition and adequacy of accounting records

Collateral - Pertaining to the amount and adequacy of collateral pledged by depositories to secure the deposit of public funds

Budget - Relating to the preparation, adoption and execution of the annual budget for the current fiscal year and the preparation and adoption of the budget for the next succeeding fiscal year.

Insurance - Relating to insurance and fidelity bond coverage

Investments - Pertaining to the investment of public funds

Public Contracts and Purchasing - Pertaining to (as contained in ORS Chapter 279) the advantage of public contracts and the construction of public improvements

The results of our tests indicate that, with respect to the items tested, Mid County Service District No. 14 complied in all material respects with the provisions referred to above. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Board of County Commissioners and the Secretary of State, Division of Audits, of the State of Oregon and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Portland, Oregon  
December 4, 2001

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants  
on the District's Internal Control Structure Based on  
an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements

The Board of County Commissioners  
Mid County Service District No. 14

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Mid County Service District No. 14 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations, prescribed by the Secretary of State. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Mid County Service District No. 14 is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of Mid County Service District No. 14, for the year ended June 30, 2001, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.



Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards define a material weakness as a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Board of County Commissioners and the Secretary of State, Division of Audits, of the State of Oregon and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Portland, Oregon  
December 4, 2001

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP