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**Office of the State Auditor**

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**Ramsey/Washington Recycling  
and Energy Board  
Maplewood, Minnesota**

Management and Compliance Report

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## **Description of the Office of the State Auditor**

The mission of the Office of the State Auditor is to oversee local government finances for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity and accountability in local governmental financial activities.

Through financial, compliance, and special audits, the State Auditor oversees and ensures that local government funds are used for the purposes intended by law and that local governments hold themselves to the highest standards of financial accountability.

The State Auditor performs approximately 100 financial and compliance audits per year and has oversight responsibilities for over 3,300 local units of government throughout the state. The office currently maintains five divisions:

**Audit Practice** – conducts financial and legal compliance audits of local governments;

**Government Information** – collects and analyzes financial information for cities, towns, counties, and special districts;

**Legal/Special Investigations** – provides legal analysis and counsel to the Office and responds to outside inquiries about Minnesota local government law; as well as investigates allegations of misfeasance, malfeasance, and nonfeasance in local government;

**Pension** – monitors investment, financial, and actuarial reporting for Minnesota’s local public pension funds; and

**Tax Increment Financing** – promotes compliance and accountability in local governments’ use of tax increment financing through financial and compliance audits.

The State Auditor serves on the State Executive Council, State Board of Investment, Land Exchange Board, Public Employees Retirement Association Board, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and the Rural Finance Authority Board.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board  
Maplewood, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 17, 2020.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Other Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. The provisions for deposits and investments and claims and disbursements were tested in conjunction with the audit of Ramsey County.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board and management of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board and the State Auditor, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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July 17, 2020