

This brief is being provided to inform the Board, staff and public of the details of an agenda item that requires action from the Board. The President of the Board will provide board members, staff, and the public the opportunity to ask questions about this topic when this agenda item is announced.

**Date:** December 6, 2022

**Originator:** Rich McLaughlin

**Purpose:** Auditor Selection

**Supporting Documents Included:** Yes, proposals from

**Desired Action by the Board:**

It is recommended that the Board selects an Auditor and directs staff to develop a contract for consideration at the next meeting.

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1. **Description:**

The Board determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to change auditing firms. Staff informed the auditing firm used for the past 10 years that the District would not be using their services and reached out to 9 other auditing firms. The responses received by staff made it clear that many firms are not currently accepting new clients and/or are already booked for this audit season. Staff received 2 proposals, each for approximately the same cost which are quite a bit higher than previous years.

2. **Reason for Recommended Board Action - (*Consider compliance, cost savings, fixing a problem*):**  
Its necessary for the District to complete an audit as soon as possible.

3. **Anticipated Impacts to the District (negative and/or positive) - (*Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer and staff communication and effect if recommendations are not adopted*):**  
A cost increase for auditing services. Once complete the next audit will only involve books from Cline & Associates. It would be in the best interest of the District to complete the 21/22 Audit that will include books from in house and Cline.

4. **Anticipated Impacts to the Customer – *Standby, Residential, Commercial*:**  
Assurance that the District is financially sound.

5. **Recommendation (s):**  
Select a firm to engage with for completion of the 21/22 Audit and direct staff to develop a contract for consideration.