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**Office of the State Auditor Issues Report Regarding San Juan County's
Internal Control Improvements**

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announces the release of a review of San Juan County's (County) internal control practices, following up on a previous review regarding misappropriation of funds in fiscal year 2019.

The Office conducted a review of the County's implemented improvements following allegations of misappropriated funds, providing four findings and recommendations on ways to further improve the County's procedures and internal controls. The review focused on processes for cash receipting, processing and depositing property tax payments, account reconciliations, and implementation of prior recommendations from the Office.

State Auditor John Dougall said, "We commend San Juan County for the improvements they have made to their internal controls and encourage them to continue doing so."

The news release and related information may be found on the Office's website at auditor.utah.gov.

The San Juan County Management Letter, Report No. SJCO-21-SP may be found at: <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015Do0000017YcJIAU>.

About the Office of the State Auditor

The Office of the 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 Office also provides interactive graphical tools to help taxpayers and policymakers gain greater insight into governmental financial activities. These tools include the Transparent Utah Public Finance website (transparent.utah.gov) as well as the award-winning Project KIDS public education analysis dashboards (auditor.utah.gov/kids).

The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every four years. The role of the State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see auditor.utah.gov.

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