**To:** Garza, Deena (SAO)
**Subject:** RE: San Juan County Landbank
**Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:29:35 PM
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Good afternoon Ron,

I hope you have been well! I am pleased to inform you that we have completed this year's audit of San Juan County. We are currently preparing to issue our reports and host our exit conference next week.

We thank you for your patience during the audit process, and would appreciate your time and consideration in meeting with us again to discuss the specifics of your hotline inquiry regarding the landbank. I was this year's audit lead and performed the landbank work, so hopefully I can speak to our office's position on the risks within our scope that we reviewed. I am also inviting the Assistant Audit Manager Karyna Orcutt, as she is very knowledgeable and was well involved in the audit process.

Due to our respective locations, it may be most convenient for us to hold this meeting remotely. We do have some flexibility in the coming week, however, I can suggest the following times as a jumping off point:

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**From:** Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2023 10:31 AM
**To:** Garza, Deena (SAO) <garzad@sao.wa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: San Juan County Landbank

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Hi Deena,

Another month has passed. Any updates or speculation when the San Juan County report will be available? Ron

On 8/31/2023 11:59 AM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:

> Hey Ron,
> We're currently still performing on site work with the County and haven't made any level of reporting determinations yet.

I'll ensure we're circling back to you once we have those determination conversations.

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**From:** Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:20 PM
**To:** Garza, Deena (SAO) <garzad@sao.wa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission

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**Subject:**Re: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission
**Date:**Tue, 22 Aug 2023 08:03:32 -0700
**From:**Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
**To:**Garza, Deena (SAO) <garzad@sao.wa.gov>

Morning Deena,

Wondering how the determinations are going and of any findings. Ron

On 8/1/2023 5:53 PM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:

> Hey Ron,
> We're currently still performing on site work with the County and haven't made any level of reporting determinations yet.
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> Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device
> Get Outlook for Android
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> **From:** Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 5:02:31 PM

**To:** Garza, Deena (SAO) <garzad@sao.wa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission

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Curious how the annual audit of San Juan County went and if the issues I presented equated any findings.....Ron

On 7/13/2023 12:40 PM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:

> Hey Ron,
> Thanks again for coming in last week and providing details of your concern to us.
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> During that meeting, we talked about your concern regarding the potential misrepresentation of a competing offer to the County Council, and specifically the possibility of our Office passing on the concern to the Real Estate Commission.
>
> I was able to discuss this further with my Assistant Director of Local Audit and determined that it would not be appropriate for us to pass on such a concern to them.
>
> In our discussion here at the office, you mentioned that if we couldn't/wouldn't that you would likely submit the concern to them yourself and at this time we would encourage you to do so.

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