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QUESTION: Are all of the conservation districts' financial records available to the public for inspection?

ANSWER: Yes.

DISCUSSION

Financial records of the Conservation Districts, which are government subdivisions, are public records under the Public Records Act. W.S. 16-3-201. I am unaware of any Wyoming statute which provides such records are privileged or confidential. The custodian of public records must allow inspection of the records unless a statute, rule or Supreme Court case provides otherwise. W.S. 16-4-203. Also, specific records listed in the Public Records Act may be kept confidential. The financial records of the districts are not exempt from inspection under the Public Records Act; therefore, they may be inspected at reasonable times and copied.

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