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To: Honorable Minnie A. Mitchell
State Treasurer

By: James L. Hettinger, Assistant Attorney General

Your recent correspondence asks us to determine whether a soil conservation district possesses the attributes of a political subdivision. Attached to your request is certain information characterizing the functions and operations of the district which would, under ordinary circumstances, indicate the status of the district.

In the present instance, however, we believe the statutes resolve any possible doubts. Subsection (a), Section 34-1403, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, provides:

" 'District' or 'soil conservation district' means a governmental subdivision of this State, and a public body corporate and politic, organized in accordance with the provisions of this Act, for the purposes, with the powers, and subject to the restrictions hereinafter set forth."

Section 34-1409, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, insofar as is pertinent, provides:

"A soil conservation district organized under the provisions of this Act (Sections 34-1401 to 34-1417) shall constitute a governmental subdivision of this State, and a public body corporate and politic, exercising public powers,***"

In consequence of these sections, we are of the opinion that a soil conservation district is a political subdivision.