

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM**Report Title: Special Districts in Marin County****Report Date: June 14, 2002****Response by: Bonner Beuhler Title: Manager****FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:_____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered 6 and 7 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered_____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered_____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date:_____ Signed:_____

Number of pages attached_____

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- Finding No. 1: Almonte Sanitary District does not dispute Finding No. 1.
- Finding No. 2: Almonte Sanitary District has no independent knowledge of the meeting schedules of other Districts other than the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin which generally meets seven times annually. Almonte Sanitary District holds one meeting per month. I am aware of no additional meetings held by the District during the past five years.
- Finding No. 3: Almonte Sanitary District has no independent knowledge of medical or dental benefits provided by any district other than itself. Almonte Sanitary District does not provide medical or dental benefits to its directors.
- Finding No. 4: Almonte Sanitary District does not have sufficient information to determine whether or not the other districts have unusually high budgets for travel and conference expense. Almonte Sanitary District has a minimal budget for special meetings attended by directors. Generally travel expenses are not requested or required.
- Finding No. 6: Almonte Sanitary District has no independent knowledge of the means by which any other District provides financial or other information to the public. Almonte Sanitary District conducts annual independent audits of its financial statements, reserves and other financial conditions, consistent with California law and, as such, disagrees with Finding No. 6.
- Finding No. 7: Almonte Sanitary District has no independent knowledge pertaining to any district other than itself. Almonte Sanitary District disagrees with the finding that the public has little if any awareness of the reserves maintained by the Almonte Sanitary District.

Finding No. 8: Almonte Sanitary District has no independent knowledge of matters pertaining to any district other than itself. Almonte Sanitary District believes it maintains reserve funds that are reasonable and prudent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation No. 1: Almonte Sanitary District believes that justification of compensation already exists in the form of audited financial records and District Resolutions setting compensation levels.
- Recommendation No. 2: Almonte Sanitary District believes that its meeting schedule is reasonable and already complies with this recommendation.
- Recommendation No. 3: Almonte Sanitary District's board members do not receive medical or dental benefits.
- Recommendation No. 4: Almonte Sanitary District currently keeps travel and conference expenses to

a reasonable amount.

- Recommendation No. 6: Almonte Sanitary District does not presume to respond to this recommendation on behalf of any district other than itself. Almonte Sanitary District is currently working on formalizing its reserve policy. This should be completed no later than September 30, 2002.
- Recommendation No. 7: Almonte Sanitary District cannot speak for the County Auditor, but currently employs clear terminology and standardized formats in reporting its reserves as reflected in its annual independent financial audit. Almonte Sanitary District will cooperate with the County Auditor at any time in response to the Grand Jury's recommendations.

(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

Date: _____ Signed: _____

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