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Special Districts in Marin County

Report Date: June 14, 2002

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FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 (see attached)

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_____ have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered 6 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

Recommendations numbered 7 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 time frame shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

Recommendations numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable. (#5 is NA)

(Attach an explanation.)

Date:_____ Signed:_____

Number of pages attached_____

Comments on Findings:(Note: The Bolinas Fire Protection District has no independent knowledge of any of the Grand Jury findings and takes no position on their accuracy)

1. The Grand Jury found that the average compensation for special district directors who receive compensation is \$100 per meeting. The directors of the Bolinas Fire Protection District do not receive compensation.

The Grand Jury found that the majority of special districts hold one meeting per month, except when there are important business items on their agenda. The Bolinas Fire Protection District holds one meeting a month unless there are specific urgent items that must be addressed in an additional special meeting. Board committees occasionally meet during the month between regular board meetings, but directors are not compensated for these, or any other, meetings.

The Grand Jury found that seven special districts out of 34 give their directors medical or dental benefits. The members of Bolinas Fire Protection District Board of Directors receive no medical or dental benefits.

The Grand Jury found that most special districts do not provide the public with easily

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board members should be kept to a reasonable amount.

District board members do not incur travel and conference expenses, so no change will be made.

NA

All 34 special districts should develop and make public, written guidelines governing the present and future level of reserves shown in the balance sheets. The term "reserves" should

be defined as cash or cash equivalents, both "restricted and unrestricted". If, based upon these guidelines, analysis shows that reserves are too high, the districts sho