

Report Title: Special Districts in Marin County**Report Date: June 14, 2002****Response by: Henrik I. Olsgaard Title: Acting District Manager**

With the review and approval of the Board of Directors of Sanitary District #5 of Marin County,
On August 5, 2002.

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
 - I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: __1,2,3,6,7,8.
- (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered 1,2,3,4,6 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered 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: _____

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT DATED JUNE 14, 2002**Findings:**

- #1, 2, 3 Sanitary District #5 of Marin County is unable to either agree or disagree with these findings as the District has not conducted an informational survey of other Special Districts. Additionally, SD#5 is unable to confirm the statistical findings of the Grand Jury.
- #6 SD#5 is unable to either agree or disagree with this finding as the District is unaware of what financial reports other Districts provide the public. SD#5 prepares an annual budget with a 5-Year Capital Project Projection, which is updated each year, and a copy of the FY 2002-2003 budget and capital projection is attached.
- #7, 8 SD#5 is unable to either agree or disagree with these findings as the information is insufficient and the District is unable to make any determinations.

Recommendations:

1. The Board of Directors is compensated \$100 per meeting.
2. The Board of Directors generally meet only once per month.
3. The Board of Directors does not receive any compensation for medical/dental benefits.
4. The Board of Directors have rarely been compensated and then only receive the lowest reimbursement for travel and/or conference expenses.
6. SD#5 has a written reserve policy based on the requirements under the Clean Water Grant Revenue Program, which was implemented in 1983, a copy of which is available to the public. SD#5 also maintains restricted reserves as required by the State of California for repairs/replacement of the sewer lines, a copy of the latest fund balance is also available to the public. The Board of Directors of SD#5 is in the process of updating its reserve policy and this should be completed by November 2002.
7. SD#5 is agreeable to participating in the development of clear terminology and standardized formats for the reporting of reserves.

Henrik I. Olsgaard

Date

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