

Report Title: Special Districts in Marin County**Report Date: June 14, 2002****Response by: Robert L. "Mike" Stone Title: Fire Chief, Southern Marin Fire Protection District****FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: 1-3
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 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 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered 6, 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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Findings:

- 1) Yes }
 2) Yes } Agree
 3) Yes }

- 6) Disagree – the Southern Marin Fire Protection District provides an easy to understand budgetary process for both existing and future reserves.
- 7) Disagree – the Southern Marin Fire Protection District provides copies of the current Budget and

Reserve program at each fire station. These copies are located in the reception area and are kept there exclusively for public review.

- 8) Disagree – a complete explanation of individual District Reserve programs may indicate the need to maintain varying levels of reserves, depending on the size, types of programs and equipment needs of the individual District.

Recommendations:

- 1) The amount (\$100.00 per meeting) of Board Member compensation (per diem) has been agendized, discussed and ultimately passed at the May 23, 2001 Board Meeting. Southern Marin Fire Protection District's monthly Board agendas are published in the "Marin Independent Journal", the "Ark" and the "Mill Valley Herald". Citizens wishing to attend said Board Meetings are encouraged to do so.
- 2) The Southern Marin Fire Protection District typically holds one meeting per month. Occasionally, a committee of the Board will meet.. However, as of this date, no compensation has been awarded for said committee meetings.
- 3) Other than the aforementioned per diem, Board members of the Southern Marin Fire Protection District do not receive benefits of any kind.
- 4) Collective travel and conference expenses of the Southern Marin Fire Protection District Board members is limited to a total of \$3,000.00 per year, \$429.00 per Board member (only if they attend the Board meeting).
- 6) The Southern Marin Fire Protection District Reserve Program has always been open too and available to the public upon request. During this fiscal year (2002/03) we will be developing written guidelines governing the present and future level of reserves as shown in our balance sheets.
- 7) The Southern Marin Fire Protection District would be available to participate in a countywide committee to develop standardized formats for reporting reserves.