



## RICHARDSON BAY SANITARY DISTRICT

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June 17, 2004

Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Dr., Room 303  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Attention: Foreperson

Subject: Southern Marin Sewers – So Many Districts, So Few Users

Dear Foreperson,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Richardson Bay Sanitary District's responses to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's request regarding the above mentioned report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank T. Dittle, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frank T. Dittle, Jr.  
District Superintendent

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

**Report Title:** SOUTHERN MARIN SEWERS – So Many Districts, So Few Users  
**Report Date:** April 27, 2004

**Response by:** Frank T. Dittle, Jr.      **Title:** Richardson Bay Sanitary District  
Superintendent

### Findings

I/we agree with the findings numbered: F6

I/we disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F5

Finding F5: Having the responsibility for sewage collection and treatment spread between so many agencies inhibits the investigation of issues that cross agency boundaries.

Recommended response: Disagree

"The Richardson Bay Sanitary District has never had a problem investigating issues crossing other agency boundaries. Actually the Richardson Bay Sanitary District has a good repore with all adjoining agencies."

Finding F6: One agency is occasionally pitted against another as it seeks the lowest cost service for its constituency.

Recommended response: Agree

### Recommendations

Recommendations numbered R1 has been implemented

Recommendations numbered R2 & R3 require further analysis

Recommendation R1: A forum should be established, and meet regularly, as a way for staff and elected officials from all eleven sewage agencies to exchange ideas and experiences.

Recommended response: This recommendation has been initiated by Marin Association of Sewage Supervisors (MASS) which before hand was basically limited to the joint treatment plant personnel. The MASS has now included all eleven sewer service agencies in Southern Marin. Richardson Bay Sanitary District is willing to participate in this forum.

Recommendation R2: An impartial facilitator should be engaged to conduct a meeting of agency representatives at which opportunities for consolidation, collaboration, and cooperation are explored and short-term objectives set.

Recommended response: Requires further analysis.

Recommendation R3: After a facilitated meeting is held, based upon consensus regarding consolidation established by the agencies, LAFCO should proceed with a study of alternatives.

Recommended response: This Richardson Bay Sanitary District feels that these recommendations are basically identical – LAFCO has already initiated a request for proposals from outside firms to facilitate the meeting of the involved agencies. To hire a separate facilitator seems redundant and a waste of taxpayers monies.

Date: 17 June 2004

Signed: Frank T. Dittle, Jr.  
Frank T. Dittle, Jr, District Superintendent