

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

**Report Title:** Holding the Bag  
**Report Date:** May 8, 2013  
**Public Release Date:** May 14, 2013  
**Response By:** The Town of Corte Madera

### FINDINGS

- We agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3 and F4.
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: NONE.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

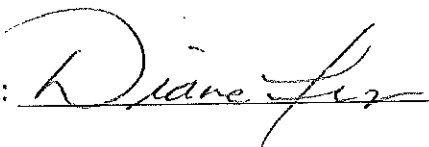
- Recommendations numbered: NONE have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered: NONE have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered: R1, R2, and R3 require further analysis.

*See attached explanations.*

- Recommendations numbered: NONE will not be implemented because it is not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: July 16, 2013

Signed:



Number of pages attached: 2

## STATEMENT REGARDING FINDINGS

No disputes with findings.

## EXPLANATIONS REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Restatement of Recommendation R1 for Reference:

*"The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) prepare the Model Single-Use Bag Ordinance to implement the strictest rules possible and encourage all agencies to adopt the Ordinance with minimal changes. A ban on single-use plastic carry-out bags should be imposed in all grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies and restaurants within the County and apply to all establishments, no matter how large or small."*

Explanation for Recommendation R1:

The Town will wait for the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to prepare a Model Ordinance and associated CEQA analysis for use by Marin's Cities and Towns. It is expected that the CEQA analysis will explore the impacts of ordinances that ban single use plastic bags at restaurants. When that analysis is completed the Town will consider adoption of a Single-Use Bag Ordinance. The Town desires to promote a bag ordinance that is highly beneficial to the environment – but cannot guarantee that the ordinance will follow the "strictest rules possible."

Timeline: CEQA completion is expected October/November 2013, Town adoption and implementation of an ordinance are To Be Determined.

Restatement of Recommendation R2 for Reference:

*"Marin County and The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Members educate the public on the benefits of reusable bags. Marin County and Marin County and The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Members develop standardized educational guides for all public schools showing the environmental harm done by plastic single-use carry-out bags. Marin County and The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Members develop educational materials and distribute them at public events such as farmers' markets and street fairs."*

Explanation for Recommendation R2:

Through the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers

Authority (JPA) and in conjunction with them, the Town will endeavor to facilitate a robust educational campaign (addressing the reduction of single use bags and the benefits of reusable bags) that will involve as many outreach channels as possible including schools, stores, farmers markets and various other public events.

Timeline: CEQA completion expected October/November 2013. Town implementation timeline is To Be Determined.

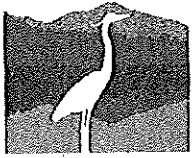
Restatement of Recommendation R3 for Reference:

*"Marin Towns and Cities adopt an ordinance to ban all single-use plastic carry-out bags using the Model Single-Use Bag Ordinance with minimal, or no, changes, in order to create a true County-wide ordinance."*

Explanation for Recommendation R3:

The Town will consider adoption of a Single-Use Bag Ordinance consistent with the Model Ordinance, however because each City and Town needs to adopt an ordinance individually the Town cannot guarantee there will be absolute consistency between all of the ordinances.

Timeline: CEQA completion expected October/November 2013 – Town adoption and implementation of an ordinance is To Be Determined.



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July 18, 2013

Honorable Judge James Ritchie  
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RE: Response to the Grand Jury Report, *Holding the Bag*

Dear Honorable Judge Ritchie and Foreperson Treadgold:

At its regular meeting on July 16, 2013, the Town Council reviewed the above-referenced report, dated May 1, 2013. The report calls for a response from the Town of Corte Madera to all findings (F) and recommendations (R).

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05 the attached Response Form provides the information that you requested.

Please feel free to contact Town Manager David Bracken at 415-927-5050 with any questions or need for additional information.

Sincerely,

DIANE FURST  
Mayor

Attachment: Response to Grand Jury Report Form