

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems: Part I,

Report Date: June 10, 2014

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Response by: September 14, 2014

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F5, F9 and F12
- 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 R1, R4 and R5 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R3 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 R6 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6-25-14 Signed: [Signature]

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AMPLIFYING STATEMENT OF RICHARDSON BAY SANITARY DISTRICT RESPONSE TO
MARIN COUNTY GRAND JURY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Richardson Bay Sanitary District (RBSD) agrees with findings F5, F9 and F12, but notes that RBSD is already engaged in a high degree of collaboration with other districts for the purpose of implementing cost reduction and efficiencies.

Regarding F5 and R3: RBSD as a member agency of SASM was actively engaged in drafting of the model ordinance that was passed unanimously by the SASM Commissioners on June 19, 2014, and with minor changes to the SASM Model Ordinance, RBSD expects to pass its own Lateral Ordinance at its July BOD meeting.

RBSD is in sympathy with and supports Grand Jury recommendations including R1, R3, R4 and R5 see Footnotes 1, 2, 2a, and 2b.

Regarding R6: RBSD is an independent agency, not affiliated with Alto, Almonte and Homestead Valley Sanitary Districts in the collection of wastewater, and has no authority to engage in discussions of merger of the operations and administration of Alto, Almonte and Homestead Valley Sanitary Districts.

Footnote 1 - Regarding R4: To the extent possible RBSD already employs the use of treated water for cleaning its pipes. As opportunity presents itself, RBSD will expand the use of treated water to the fullest extent possible..

Footnote 2 - Regarding R1: RBSD is approaching the completion of an accelerated capital improvement program, that when complete in the late summer of 2014, will result in approximately 70% of RBSD pipes being in new condition. The remaining 30% are in fair condition, and will be actively improved in future capital improvement programs.

Footnote 2a - Regarding R3: In addition to adopting the aforementioned Lateral Ordinance, RBSD has, in conjunction with the aforementioned CIP, had great success in procuring the voluntary replacement or repair of substantial numbers of privately owned laterals. RBSD continues to work within its capacity and means to procure renovation of private laterals as rapidly as possible.

Footnote 2b - Regarding R5: RBSD has, and to the extent possible and feasible will continue, to cooperate and collaborate with sister agencies in cost reduction and efficiency programs including maintenance, pipe replacement, equipment purchases and sharing as well as administrative costs.



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June 25, 2014

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Subject: The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems: Part I & Part II

Dear Ms. Muller,

Enclosed please find the response to the "The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems: Part I & Part II" from the Richardson Bay Sanitary District.

Please do not hesitate to contact the District if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Pfeffer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Paula Pfeffer
Office Manager