

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: 2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card

Report Date: 3/10/16

Agenda Date: 8/9/16

Response by: Thomas Lohwasser Title: Superintendent

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree *wholly* 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 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. Will be implemented during 2016-17 school year
(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: 8/9/16 Signed: 

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APPENDIX J: Marin School District Web Transparency Scorecards

(see Appendix E for details of the Marin School District Web Transparency Checklist)

<p>Bolinas-Stinson Union District</p> <p>GRADE: F</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Dixie School District</p> <p>GRADE: C</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Kentfield School District</p> <p>GRADE: C-</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Laguna Joint School District</p> <p>GRADE: F</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Lagunitas School District</p> <p>GRADE: F</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>
<p>Larkspur-Corte Madera School District</p> <p>GRADE: B-</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Lincoln School District</p> <p>GRADE: F</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Mill Valley School District</p> <p>GRADE: C</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Nicasio School District</p> <p>GRADE: F</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>	<p>Novato Unified School District</p> <p>GRADE: A-</p> <p>Overview </p> <p>Budget </p> <p>Meetings </p> <p>Elected Officials </p> <p>Administrative Officials </p> <p>Audits </p> <p>Contracts </p> <p>Public Records </p> <p>Revenue Sources </p> <p>Reports </p>

FINDINGS

- F1. As of January 4, 2016, 27 Marin local agencies lacked public websites (and of the 99 agencies that have web sites, 65 did not satisfy the Grand Jury's web transparency criteria as of that date).
- F2. Inspecting the Marin County Clerk's *Roster of Public Agencies*, the Grand Jury discovered a majority of local agencies out of compliance per California Government Code §53051 (no filings or outdated filings).
- F3. Effective January 1, 2015, Assembly Bill (AB) 2040 requires that if a public agency "maintains an Internet Web site, it shall post, in a conspicuous location on its Internet Web site, information on the annual compensation of its elected officials, officers, and employees that is submitted to the Controller under §53891." The Grand Jury discovered a majority of the agencies were out of compliance (and potentially at-risk for fines and/or audit), per California Government Code sections 53895, 53895.7, and 53896).
- F4. The County of Marin does not currently publish a definitive list of all its dependent special districts and JPAs.
- F5. Marin County's *Roster of Public Agencies* is available for viewing only as hard copy at the office of the Marin County Clerk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. The agency should improve its web transparency score to "B-" (or better), by updating its website and submitting the appropriate self-audit form. The form may be obtained by emailing: grandjury-audit@marincounty.org
- R2. The agency should file and keep updated its Statement of Facts with the California Secretary of State and the Marin County Clerk as required by California Code §53051.
- R3. The agency should update its website to include information of the annual compensation of its elected officials, officers and employees; and this information should also be submitted to the Controller, as required by Sections 12463 and 53909 of the California Government Code.
- R4. The Marin County Board of Supervisors should create a comprehensive online "digital directory" with links to all County of Marin's dependent special districts and JPAs.
- R5. To further improve web transparency, the County Clerk of Marin County should allow public remote Internet access to its *Roster of Public Agencies*.

- Dixie School District (R1, R3)
- Fairfax Financing Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Firehouse Community Park Agency (R1, R2, R3)
- Gateway Improvement Authority (R2, R3)
- Gateway Refinancing Authority (R2, R3)
- Homestead Valley Sanitary District (R1, R2, R3)
- Inverness Public Utility District (R1, R2, R3)
- Inverness Subdivision No. 2 Permanent Road Division (R1, R2, R3)
- Kentfield Fire Protection District (R1)
- Kentfield School District (R1, R3)
- Laguna Joint School District (R1, R3)
- Lagunitas School District (R1, R3)
- Larkspur Marina Financing Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Larkspur-Corte Madera School District (R3)
- Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District (R2)
- Lincoln School District (R1, R3)
- Marin City CSD (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin Clean Energy (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin Community College District (R1, R3)
- Marin County Capital Improvements Financing Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Fire Department (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Flood Control And Water Conservation District (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Hazardous And Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (R2, R3)
- Marin County Lighting District (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Major Crimes Task Force (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Open Space District (R1, R3)
- Marin County Open Space Financing Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin County Transit District (R3)
- Marin General Services Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin Healthcare District (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin Municipal Water District (R3)
- Marin Municipal Water District Financing Corporation (R1, R3)
- Marin Pupil Transportation Agency (R1, R2, R3)
- Marin Resource Conservation District (R2)
- Marin Schools Insurance Authority (R1, R2)
- Marin Telecommunications Agency (R2, R3)
- Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District (R2)
- Marinnet Consortium Joint Powers Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Marinwood Community Service District (R1, R2, R3)
- Mill Valley Financing Authority (R1, R2, R3)
- Mill Valley School District (R1, R3)