

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Jay Hamilton-Roth, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275
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Re: 2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card

Dear Foreperson Hamilton-Roth:

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we once again thank the members of the Grand Jury for conducting a thorough examination of Marin County public agencies' websites and for your resulting follow-up correspondence dated September 28, 2016. This letter serves as response to the issues raised in your most recent correspondence.

Recommendation R1:

"In its last correspondence with the Grand Jury, the agency informed the Grand Jury of its plans to update its website. The Grand Jury requests that the agency submit the appropriate self-audit form by going to:..."

As referenced in the agency's formal response dated May 11, 2016, our agency has been in process of a "major website update" initiated prior to receiving the draft report from the Grand Jury. This should have been more appropriately termed as a complete website overhaul and redesign. While this initiative has yet to be completed, significant progress has been achieved and the District is nearing completion. We appreciate the Grand Jury's patience and recognition of our agency's limited resources as we complete this initiative. Once completed, we will be excited to submit the self-audit form produced by the Grand Jury. While we are hesitant to provide a firm date by which the new website will be fully operational, we do estimate this will be completed by the end of the calendar year if not sooner.

Recommendation R2:

"Our auditors did not find the necessary information about compensation on your website. We suggest that you include a link from your website to <http://transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/2014/marinwood-community-services-district/> to satisfy the California Government Code."

As recommended on page 9 of the publicly released Grand Jury report dated March 10, 2016 – "We recommend putting a link to the agency's Government Compensation in California page (<http://publicpay.ca.gov/>)" – the District did indeed include this link specific to our agency, as stated in our initial response. This link can be found with a prominent placement on our website at <http://www.marinwood.org/about-us/board-documents>. Our agency is unclear as to why the Grand Jury is now recommending a different link be placed on the agency website as opposed to the link originally recommended. Our agency is further unclear as to the Grand Jury's most recent recommendation to place a link leading to a third-party non-official website as opposed to leading to the State Controller's webpage specific to our agency.

Respectfully Submitted,



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