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Re: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board of Directors Response
to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: 2015-16 Web
Transparency Report Card: Bringing Marin County's Local
Governments to Light.

Dear Honorable Kelly Simmons and Mr. Woodside,

This letter constitutes SMART's response to the above referenced report contained within the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's Report for March 17, 2016. The Civil Grand Jury only requested SMART responses to recommendations R1 through R3. Consistent with Penal Code section 933.05 the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board of Directors responds as follow:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R1 has been implemented
- Recommendation numbered R2 was previously in effect and implemented. A section of this recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted.
- Recommendation numbered R3 was previously in effect and implemented.

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 the grand jury at grandjury-audit@marincounty.org.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.


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 [Government] Code Section 53051.

Response: SMART files and keeps updated its Statement of Facts with the California Secretary of State and the *Sonoma County Clerk*, as required by California Government Code Section 53051. California Government Code Section 53051 does not provide for nor require SMART to file its Statement of Facts with the Marin County Clerk. Hence, the recommendation to file with the Marin County Clerk will not be implemented because it is not warranted.

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 [sic] of the California Government Code.

Response: This recommendation was already implemented and in effect as required by Sections 12463 and 53908 of the California Government Code.

Date: 6/11/16

Signed: 
Judy Arnold
Chair, SMART Board of Directors

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