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May 4, 2016

Marin Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Grand Jury Report:

**2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card “*Bringing Marin County’s Local Governments to Light*”**

Dear Marin Civil Grand Jury Foreperson,

I have been directed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Marin Emergency Medical Paramedic System (SMEMPS) to respond to the Marin Civil Grand Jury Report titled, **2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card “*Bringing Marin County’s Local Governments to Light*”**, dated March 10, 2016. Attached, please find our response.

SMEMPS conducted this response in accordance with Penal Code section 933 (c) and was subjected to the notice, agenda, and open meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Should you have any question or require additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Pearce", written over a vertical line.

Richard S. Pearce  
Liaison Chief

Report Title: **2015-16 Web Transparency Report Card "Bringing Marin County's Local Governments to Light"**

Report Date: March 10, 2016

Public Release Date: March 17, 2016

Response by: Southern Marin Emergency Medical Paramedic System

**FINDINGS**

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: **F1 - F5**

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **R**

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendations numbered **R2** have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered **R** 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 **R** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6/6/16 Signed:   
Richard S. Pearce, Liaison Chief

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## **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**

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.

**Implemented.**