

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: **Consolidation of Sanitation Districts**

Report Date: **April 13, 2018**

Response Date: **08/22/2018**

Agency Name: Central Marin Sanitation Agency Agenda Date: 08/21/2018

Response by: Jason Dow Title: General Manager

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- 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 _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R2 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: 8/22/18 Signed: 

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ATTACHMENT

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R2. Central Marin Sanitation Agency (JPA), Sanitary District #1 (Ross Valley), Sanitary District #2 (Corte Madera), and the San Rafael Sanitary District should reorganize into a single sanitary/sanitation district. Each entity should complete a reorganization application with Marin LAFCO by 9/30/2018 and announce this action on the agenda of the next board meeting for public involvement.

CMSA Response:

CMSA has commissioned four consolidation studies since the Agency was created in 1979, and has learned that CMSA cannot initiate a consolidation of its Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) member agencies; they must initiate and fully support any form of consolidation. CMSA agrees with the Ross Valley Sanitary District and San Rafael Sanitation District's response that filling a consolidation application with LAFCO by 9/30/18 is not realistic and impractical due to the amount of supporting information needed to be included with the application. In 2007, a consolidation planning study was performed that identified over 119 separate detailed studies, evaluations, and tasks that would need to be completed and addressed before a wastewater consolidation could be implemented.

CMSA's Vision is to protect the environment and public health by providing wastewater, environmental, and resource recovery services of exceptional quality and value to its customers. In support of this Vision, CMSA looks forward to working closely with its JPA member agencies to identify and collaborate on regional projects and activities to enhance the delivery of wastewater services, increase operational efficiencies, share staff and resources, and save public funds in a fully transparent manner. If the JPA member agencies initiate discussions of functional and/or political consolidation in the future, CMSA will actively participate in them.