

# RESPONSE TO MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: *Consolidation of Sanitation Districts*

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Response By: Ross Valley Sanitary District

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## RECOMMENDATIONS for Ross Valley Sanitary District (R1, R2)

**R1. Marin LAFCO should complete the planned reorganization of the Murray Park Sewer Maintenance District and the San Quentin Village Sewer Maintenance District with Ross Valley Sanitary District.**

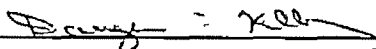
**HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED, BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE.**

RVSD agrees with this recommendation. RVSD believes the process should be done in two phases. The first action will be to seek formal support from Marin County to initiate the annexation application for the Murray Park SMD, since this SMD is already located within RVSD and is provided with operations and maintenance service by RVSD to Marin County under contract. After the successful completion of this phase, then the more complicated process for annexation of the SQVSMD would be initiated. The SQVSMD is located outside of the RVSD Service Area and involves other entities such as the State of California Bureau of Prisons, whose system the SQVSMD flows must pass through. RVSD is unclear why the Grand Jury Report did not request a response from Marin County on R1, as the County owns both SMD's and would have to formally endorse and support the annexation.

**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.**

**REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS.** RVSD agrees with the recommended action, and supported a similar recommendation made in the 2016 Marin LAFCO MSR. However, the timeline recommended, September 2018, is impractical and does not reflect the complexity and time required to develop the supporting information for a reorganization application to LAFCO. See Exhibit 1 to this response, which is a partial list of the activities and topics that were addressed as part of the 2005-06 efforts at consolidation. As this list illustrates, a properly prepared application to LAFCO will likely require several years of coordinated work by the member agencies.

Date: 6/26/18

Signed:   
Douglas T. Kelly, President, RVSD Board