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The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
PO Box 4988
San Rafael CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Haakenson:

Enclosed please find a response from the City of Belvedere to the June 6, 2019, Marin County Grand Jury's report titled "Marin's Telecommunications Disconnect." This item was reviewed and considered by the Belvedere City Council at their August 12, 2019, regular meeting.

Please extend the City's appreciation to the 2019 Grand Jurors for the important work they do on behalf of all of the citizens of Marin County.

Sincerely,

Craig Middleton
City Manager

Encl.

cc: Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
City of Belvedere**

Report Title: Marin's Telecommunications Disconnect
Report Date: June 13, 2019
Response By: Nancy Kemnitzer, Mayor of the City of Belvedere

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation(s) numbered R2, R3, R4, should be taken under advisement for future consideration.

Date: 08/12/2019

Signed: Nancy Kemnitzer
Nancy Kemnitzer, Mayor

Number of pages attached: 1

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R2. The MTA's franchise fee collection and disbursement responsibilities should be moved to the MGSA.

Discussions between MTA and MGSA staff have already occurred as to this question. The result of these talks was a decision to keep the fee collection and disbursement responsibilities with the MTA. Should the current franchise fee continue in its downward trajectory, it may be advisable at some point to restart conversations between MTA and MGSA with the objective of arriving at the most cost-effective approach given the changed circumstance.

R3. MTA's responsibilities for CMCM should be terminated.

MTA, a Joint Powers Authority representing ten jurisdictions in Marin, has a contractual relationship with CMCM, a non-profit organization. At this point in time, it is in Belvedere's interest to be joined with other jurisdictions in a centralized interaction with the CMCM.

R4. The MTA should be dissolved.

At present, there is reason for MTA to continue to assist in the collection and disbursement of franchise fees. As the fee environment changes, through regulatory or legislative action or changes in the cable market, this question could be revisited.