



September 13, 2019

The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Haakenson:

The Town of Ross has received the Grand Jury Report "Marin's Telecommunications Disconnect" released June 13, 2019. The Grand Jury has requested a response to Recommendations R2-R4. The report was reviewed and considered by Ross Town Council at their September 12, 2019, regular meeting. Enclosed please find the Town's response.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brekhus
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Pat Randolph, Foreperson ✓

TOWN OF ROSS RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Discussions between MTA and MGSA staff have 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 (or another existing entity) with the objective of arriving at the most cost-effective approach of providing the services.

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

Currently, it is in Ross' interest to be joined with other jurisdictions in a centralized interaction with the CMCM. In the future, the agreement between MTA and CMCM should be reviewed to determine whether the agreement is necessary and if it is, then determine if another existing agency could provide MTA's services in a more effective and cost efficient manner.

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 should be revisited. The objective being to find another existing agency (which could be MGSA or another entity) that is able to provide MTA's services in an effective and cost efficient manner.