

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
Town of San Anselmo

Report Title: Marin's Telecommunications Disconnect

Report Date: June 13, 2019

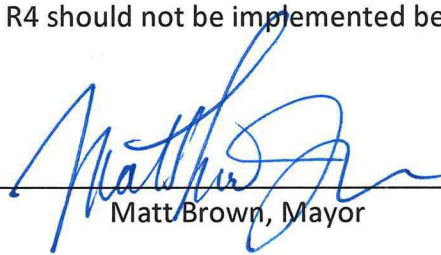
Response By: Matt Brown, Mayor of the Town of San Anselmo

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation(s) numbered R2, R3, R4 should not be implemented because they are not warranted at this time.

Date: August 2019

Signed: _____

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Matt Brown, Mayor



August 27, 2019

Response to 2018/19 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report –
Marin’s Telecommunications Disconnect

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

The Town of San Anselmo disagrees with this recommendation.

The question of moving the franchise fee collection and disbursement from MTA to MGSA has been evaluated in recent years. After careful analysis by staff from both MTA and MGSA, the decision was made to keep the fee collection and disbursement responsibilities with the MTA at this time. If the franchise fees continue in the current downward trajectory, conversations between MTA and MGSA will continue with the objective of arriving at the most cost-effective approach given the circumstances.

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

The Town of San Anselmo disagrees with this recommendation.

MTA, a Joint Powers Authority representing ten jurisdictions in Marin, contracts with CMCM as the Designated Access Provider (DAP) of all PEG programming. This relationship is rooted in the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA), which states: “The PEG Channels shall be for the exclusive use of the local entity or jurisdiction **or its designee** to provide public, educational and government channels”. At this point in time, it is in the Town of San Anselmo’s interest to be joined with other jurisdictions in a centralized interaction with the CMCM.

R4. The MTA should be dissolved.

The Town of San Anselmo disagrees with this recommendation.

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.