



February 22, 2021

Honorable Andrew Sweet
Presiding Judge
Marin County Superior Court
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Sweet:

The Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board of Directors' response to the FY 2019-2020 Civil Grand Jury Report "Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation in Marin" is attached. The attached document responds to all the requests made for responses from the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Goines
President, MWPA Board of Directors

CC: Marin County Civil Grand Jury



RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: "Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation in Marin"

REPORT DATE: December 14, 2020

RESPONSE BY: Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority

GRAND JURY FINDINGS

- We agree with the finding numbered: **F9**
- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F1** and **F2**
 - **F1** – disagree partially; many agencies have collaborated with each other to plan improvements with the evacuation infrastructure. We agree that no single agency leads this process, however the collaborative efforts allow the individual jurisdictional agencies to act as one.
 - **F2** – disagree wholly; we believe it is clear each individual jurisdiction is statutorily responsible to ensure safe evacuation routes and there is no statutory language placing this responsibility on any single agency for an entire county.

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered **R5** has been partially implemented. We have increased our collaboration with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and are using their expertise for the implementation of the Zonehaven Evacuation Management Platform, in the development of our ingress/egress study request for proposals and they will be an important partner when we receive the findings of the study. Zonehaven and the ingress/egress study will analyze the evacuation impacts, capabilities and improvement needs associated with Marin's transportation networks as well as serve as the platform for real time evacuation management in the event of emergencies. However, at this time we do not feel it is necessary to add them to our Advisory/Technical Committee as we have open lines of communications between the MWPA and TAM.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

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President
Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority

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