

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
Town of Tiburon



Report Title: Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation in Marin

Report Date: December 14, 2020

Response By: Town of Tiburon

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FINDINGS

- We agree with Findings numbered: **F1**
- We disagree wholly or partly with Findings numbered: **F2-F5**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **__NA__** have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered: **__R3__** have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered **__NA__** have been partially implemented, and remaining parts will be implemented in the future
- Recommendations numbered: **__R1__** require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered: **__R2__** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: March 17, 2021

Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: **3**



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March 17, 2021

The Honorable Andrew Sweet
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Re: Response to Grand Jury Report
Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation in Marin

Dear Honorable Judge Sweet and Foreperson Dilworth:

This letter explains in detail the Town of Tiburon’s response to the Civil Grand Jury Report dated December 14, 2020 (***Roadblocks to Safer Evacuation in Marin***). The Report directs the Town to respond to Findings F1-F5, and Recommendations R1-R3.

FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

F1. No single agency or jurisdiction is taking responsibility and authority for building infrastructure for safe evacuation routes across jurisdictions in Marin County.

Response- The Town of Tiburon agrees with this finding

Although we agree with this finding, we would note this may also be an effective practice. There are many factors associated with evacuation readiness, and it is not clear that insufficient or substandard infrastructure is currently a major impediment to evacuations in Marin. In addition, in Tiburon, several projects related to infrastructure are ongoing or have been completed that will assist in evacuation events. Ongoing projects/programs include: A robust pavement management program to ensure our roads are in good condition, an ongoing roadside vegetation management program, and coordination with local Fire Districts (2) in sponsoring popular ‘chipper days’. In addition to this ongoing work, the Town recently completed a project to provide for backup power at all lighted intersections (CalTrans jurisdiction) within the Town.

F2. There is confusion in the county as to who has ultimate responsibility and authority for ensuring that Marin has safe evacuation routes.

Response- The Town of Tiburon disagrees with this finding

The factors and conditions leading to the need for an evacuation are complex, and vary by jurisdiction and the type of precipitating event. As a result, the responsibility for ensuring any evacuation is conducted safely and efficiently is