

## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**REPORT TITLE:** "Finally – A Comprehensive List of Marin’s Public Agencies”  
**REPORT DATE:** June 30, 2020  
**RESPONSE BY:** County of Marin Board of Supervisors

### GRAND JURY FINDINGS

- We disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F1-F2**

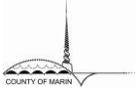
### GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered **R1** will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Katie Rice, President  
Marin County Board of Supervisors



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## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS

### **F1. Currently, there is no reliable, comprehensive, and regularly updated list of public agencies in Marin County.**

**Response: Disagree.**

As we have previously responded, the State Controller maintains a comprehensive open data website listing the approximately 5,000 independent and dependent special districts and joint powers agencies (JPAs) throughout the state, including Marin County, and provides breakout information on the agencies at <https://bythenumbers.sco.ca.gov/>.

Ultimately, the State of California is the single entity to which all organizations are responsible.

### **F2. There are multiple, publicly available lists of public agencies that can, with minimal effort, be combined into a single, comprehensive list that can be updated periodically.**

**Response: Disagree.**

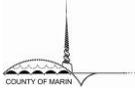
As we have previously responded, the Marin County Department of Finance created and continues to maintain:

- A comprehensive online listing with summary information regarding special districts under the Board of Supervisors, and a link to the Marin County Special Districts' Budget for financial information: <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/df/special-districts>;
- A Marin County special district contact information link via the same site: <https://www.marincounty.org/sdistrictcontact>; and
- A web page with general information for dependent special districts under the Board at: <https://www.marincounty.org/sdistrictinfo>.

Cities and towns, school districts, water districts, sanitary and fire districts, and many joint powers agencies are legally separate and independent entities for which the Board of Supervisors has no authority or responsibility. We simply disagree with the Grand Jury's recommendations that the County of Marin dedicate its resources to maintaining and/or duplicating information for which the Marin County Board of Supervisors is not financially or legally responsible.

With reference to our response to F1 above, the State of California is the single entity to which all organizations are responsible. The State Controller's website is a comprehensive resource (<https://bythenumbers.sco.ca.gov/>).

We have no objection if the Civil Grand Jury desires to maintain annual updates to the information it has compiled in its most recent report on this topic.



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The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

**R1. During fiscal year 2020–2021, the Marin County Department of Finance and the County Clerk should adopt the newly developed public agency list contained in this report and implement a plan for one of them to maintain and update it at least annually using a method similar to that described in this report.**

**Response: This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.**

With reference to our responses above, we have complied with previous Grand Jury requests to improve transparency for those districts and agencies under the purview of the Marin County Board of Supervisors. We continue to disagree, however, with the Grand Jury’s recommendations that the County of Marin dedicate its resources to maintaining and/or duplicating information for which the Marin County Board of Supervisors is not financially or legally responsible.