



RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
Town of Tiburon

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Report Title: *Climate Change-How Will Marin Adapt*

Report Date: *September 11, 2020*

Response By: *Town of Tiburon*

FINDINGS

- We agree with Findings numbered: **F1,F2,F3 and F5**
- We disagree wholly or partly with Findings numbered: **F4 and F7**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **__R6__** have been implemented.
- Recommendations numbered: **__NA__** 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 and R4__** require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered: **__NA__** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: *December 2, 2020*

Signed: *[Signature]*

Number of pages attached: **3**



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December 2, 2020***

The Honorable Andrew Sweet
Presiding Judge of the Marin County
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Marin County Civil Grand Jury
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**Re: Response to Grand Jury Report
*Climate Change-How Will Marin Adapt***

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 September 11, 2020 (***Climate Change-How Will Marin Adapt***). The Report directs the Town to respond to Findings F1-F5, F7 and Recommendations R1, R4 and R6.

FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

F1. Climate change mitigation efforts by Marin governments have been notably effective in meeting their goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Response- The Town of Tiburon agrees with this finding

F2. Adaptation planning is essential to protect local public utility and transportation infrastructure as well as private property interests, and to enable Marin's citizens to maintain their current standards of living.

Response- The Town of Tiburon agrees with this finding

F3. With the BayWAVE and C-SMART initial vulnerability assessments completed, the county is now well-positioned to focus on adaptation planning and policies related to sea level rise.

Response- The Town of Tiburon agrees with this finding

F4. The existing adaptation efforts across the county pay insufficient attention to the other potential effects of climate change, including impacts on public health, ecosystems, and social equity.

Response- The Town of Tiburon partially disagrees with this finding.

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The Grand Jury is correct in highlighting the broad and diverse impacts of climate change, including those related to public and environmental health, and social equity. These impacts are all present in Marin County and have been identified by planners and others working on mitigation and adaptation strategies. In addition, many of these areas of impact have been part of the analysis included in BayWAVE and other collaborative efforts in Marin. Climate change impacts virtually every aspect of our lives. As a result, it may be unrealistic to expect adaptation efforts in Marin County to adequately address all of the issues associated with a warming planet.

F5. There are insufficient staff and financial resources devoted to climate change adaptation efforts across county government as well as in the cities, towns, and other agencies, and many of the existing efforts are highly dependent on grant funding.

Response- The Town of Tiburon agrees with this finding

F7. Cross-jurisdictional collaboration and coordination will be required for successful adaptation efforts, but Marin lacks any overarching organizational or governance structure to facilitate this.

Response- The Town of Tiburon partially disagrees with this Finding.

We agree there is no single countywide entity facilitating these efforts, however, there are numerous existing examples of cross jurisdictional collaboration and coordination. These include: BayWAVE, Drawdown: Marin, the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP), and the recently formed Marin Wildfire Prevent Authority (MWPA).

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES

R1. The board of supervisors, in collaboration with the municipalities and other agencies affected by climate change, should convene a multi-jurisdictional task force (referred to in this report as the Marin Climate Adaptation Task Force) charged with developing a single, comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional adaptation strategy for all of Marin.

Response- This recommendation requires further analysis

On a countywide level, Tiburon has supported and/or participates in several multi-jurisdictional efforts related to climate change including: BayWAVE, the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership and Drawdown: Marin. In addition, Tiburon generally supports the continuation of a multi-jurisdictional effort, or efforts, to address the myriad issues and challenges related to climate change. However, this recommendation specifically asks the County to take the lead in forming a new task force to develop a 'single, comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional adaptation strategy for all of Marin'. As one of many entities that could potentially be involved, Tiburon is not in a position to assess the capacity or willingness of the County to effectively implement this recommendation.

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R4. Each member of the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership, should declare its support for broadening the partnership's mission and increasing its funding as necessary to enable it to support overall climate change planning efforts, including both mitigation and adaptation in cities, towns, and other member agencies throughout the county.

Response- This recommendation requires further analysis

Tiburon enthusiastically participates in, and financially supports The Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP), which has proven to be an effective and valuable partner in assisting the town in matters related to climate change. Further, given the magnitude and urgency of the challenges related to this issue, Tiburon believes it may be useful to broaden the mission and level of activity for organizations, like MCEP, that could make an appreciable difference in helping cities, towns and the county in our efforts to address these challenges. However, with regards to supporting an increase in funding, the COVID-19 pandemic has put a significant, and unprecedented strain on the financial condition of all Marin entities. As a result, any proposal to expand the mission of MCEP that requires additional funding will need to be evaluated by each individual entity in the context of their unique needs and financial condition.

R6. Each city and town, if it does not have a full-time sustainability coordinator (or similar position), should appoint a committee or commission charged with monitoring and reporting on its climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Response- This recommendation has already been implemented.

As a small entity, the Town of Tiburon does not have the resources to fund a full time position devoted to sustainability. However, in April 2019, the Town Council formed an ad-hoc subcommittee on Sustainability comprised of two Councilmembers. One of the responsibilities of the committee is to periodically review the towns Climate Action Plan and assess the towns' progress in meeting the goals included in the plan. The Town, through its collaboration with MCEP, is currently in the final stages of updating its Climate Action Plan, and the Sustainability Committee is slated to review a draft revision early in 2021. This will be followed by the full Council considering adoption of the revised plan soon thereafter.

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Sincerely,

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