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SEWERAGE AGENCY OF
SOUTHERN MARIN

A Joint Powers Agency

- Almonte S.D.
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- City of Mill Valley
- Homestead Valley S.D.
- Richardson Bay S.D.
- Tamalpais C.S.D.

October 12, 2023

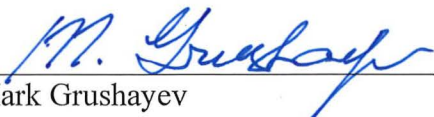
Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Foreperson,

Please find enclosed one copy of the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin's Response to Grand Jury Report Form titled "Build More ADUs – An Rx to Increase Marin's Housing Supply," as requested by Dick Dumont, Continuity Committee Chairperson of the Marin County Civil Grand Jury.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at the address or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,


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RESPONSE FORM: 2022-2023 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report

Report Title: Build More ADUs - An Rx to Increase Marin's Housing Supply

Respondent/Agency Name: Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin

Submitter Name: Mark Grushayev Title: WWTP Director

FINDINGS

- Agree with the findings numbered: F7
- Disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: N/A
- Disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: N/A

(Attach a **statement** specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered N/A have been implemented.
(Attach a **summary** describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a **timeframe** for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.
(Attach an **explanation** and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a **timeframe** for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This **timeframe shall not exceed six months** from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered R4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an **explanation**.)

Date: 10-12-2023 Signed: M. Grushayev

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EXPLANATIONS

FINDINGS

F7. Impact, connection, and capacity fees vary considerably throughout the County and such fees can be a disincentive to homeowners considering ADU development.

Response: Agree

The Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin ("SASM") is a local public agency formed in 1979 pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act to provide wastewater treatment and effluent disposal for SASM's six member agencies: City of Mill Valley, Tamalpais Community Services District, Almonte Sanitary District, Alto Sanitary District, Homestead Valley Sanitary District, and Richardson Bay Sanitary District. Each of these member agencies owns, operates, and maintains a sanitary sewer system. These sewer systems connect to sewer lines owned and operated by SASM, which carry wastewater originating from the member agency sewer systems to a wastewater treatment owned and operated by SASM.

SASM is funded through assessments allocated to its six member agencies. SASM does not collect revenues from, or impose any fees or other costs on, the individual property owners served by its six member agencies. As a result, SASM does not impose any fees or other costs on local homeowners related to ADU development, nor is SASM otherwise involved in ADU development within Marin County.

SASM has a general understanding that fees imposed by other jurisdictions within Marin County related to ADU development can vary considerably, and that such fees can disincentivize ADU development. However, SASM's general understanding is limited by the scope of its activities as discussed herein, and based solely on statements and information released by other local public agencies and officials from time to time of which SASM has been made aware.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R4. By December 1, 2023, begin a feasibility assessment of waiving or significantly lowering impact and connection fees for units smaller than 750 square feet.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted and is not reasonable.

SASM references its response to F7. Since SASM does not impose any fees or other costs on local homeowners related to ADU development, it is not warranted or reasonable for SASM to use its limited resources to commission a feasibility assessment of waiving or lowering impact and connection fees for the referenced units.

Date: 10-12-2023 Signed: M. Grushayev
Mark Grushayev, General Manager