

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: "Cemeteries - The Place of Final Repose"

Report Date: June 24, 2022

Response by: DOUGLAS ALLEY Title: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PRESIDENT

FINDINGS

1. I (we) agree with the findings numbered: R2, R9
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: R1, R6, R7, R8
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered R2, R9 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
3. Recommendations numbered _____ 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 the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered R1, R6, R7, R8 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: AUG. 8, 2022

Signed: Douglas Alley

Number of pages attached: 1

Shandon Cemetery District Response to Grand Jury Recommendations:

Grand Jury Recommendation R1: Cemetery payments should include credit cards.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R1: The Shandon Cemetery District disagrees with the finding. It relies on the San Luis Obispo County Office of the Auditor Controller to provide banking and treasury services and does not have a relationship with a commercial bank. There is no mechanism available at this point to accept credit card payments. In the event it is necessary for a family to use a credit card to pay for services, it is not unusual for them to put the cemetery and excavation fees on their contract with their mortuary and then the mortuary will provide checks to pay the cemetery.

Grand Jury Recommendation R2: Cemetery should have a website.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R2: The Shandon Cemetery District agrees with the finding. However, given that so many of the budgeted hours have been spent actually burying people, it is not a priority at this time.

Grand Jury Recommendation R6: Districts should have liability insurance paid for by the County.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R6: The Shandon Cemetery District disagrees with the finding. We handle our own liability insurance and the county is not responsible for that.

Grand Jury Recommendation R7: Review of Stipend Policy.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R7: The Shandon Cemetery District disagrees with the finding as it relates to our cemetery. We pay no stipends and thus, have no taxing issue with regard to them.

Grand Jury Recommendation R8: County Grant System.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R8: The Shandon Cemetery District disagrees with the finding only in that the Cemetery District has been a prudent manager of its funds and has sufficient reserves to pay for approved capital expenses and improvements.

Grand Jury Recommendation R9: Columbaria or area for scattered ashes.

Shandon Cemetery District Response to R9: The Shandon Cemetery District agrees with the finding. The district owns an undeveloped acre and would consider adding such an area or Columbaria when the acre is developed. As it stands, the cemetery sells cremation plots.