

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: "Managing Millions": Assessing Transparency of
Community Services Districts

Report Date: June 30, 2012

Authorized Responder: John Eulberg, General Manager
Independence Ranch Community Services District

FINDINGS

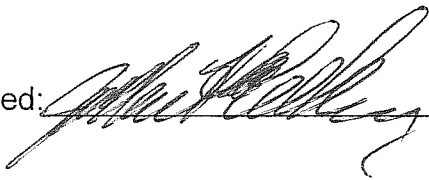
- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 7
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed;
include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered 9 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented,
but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- 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 publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented
because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: July 10, 2012 Signed: 

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San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93402

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Dear Jurors:

On behalf of the president, Mark Kenyon, and the Board of Directors, let me first thank Norman A. Baxter for getting back to me promptly and addressing my concerns regarding the Grand Jury's findings in "Managing millions: Assessing Transparency of Community Services Districts". His candor, advice and understanding is much appreciated.

To adequately respond to the Jury's criticism that "No new minutes have been posted since December of 2011" I feel some historical perspective is appropriate and important:

1. We have conducted our regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6289 Hawk Ridge Place for the last twenty years with few exceptions.
2. In December of last year we lost that meeting place and have had to scramble around to find a new one. This caused considerable disruption of our meeting schedule, and any semblance of regularity disappeared.
3. It is our policy to post minutes only after they are approved at the following meeting so that errors can be identified and corrections made. Because of the above, the January and February minutes were approved at a special meeting on March 24th, and the December and March minutes were approved after corrections at the April 11th regular meeting held at Templeton CSD. In both cases the minutes were posted to the web site in a timely manner after approval.

Since I have not been apprised of the date that the Grand Jury looked at the web site, I can only surmise that it was during that period when no minutes were posted since they had not as yet been approved. However, a current inspection of the web site will reveal that all approved minutes to date have been posted timely.

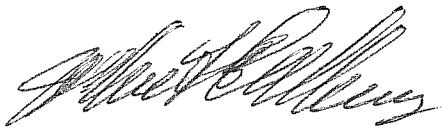
The same applies to the agendas. Again, since I don't know when the Jury looked at our web site, I can only surmise that the lack of a posted agenda only meant that there was no meeting immediately scheduled. Please rest assured

that the agendas are always posted at least the required 72 hours prior to any scheduled meeting as required by law. All of these agendas are archived on the web site although I have found that, to access the current agenda, one must scroll down one or two clicks on some computer screens to view it. I will ask our computer person to see if the home page can be condensed to correct this, and we should and will look into linking with the County.

Finally, although it is not a big issue, a slightly less cursory look into the financial material provided reveals that our operating budget is \$62,500 per year, not \$170,000. This can be substantiated by looking at the audited financials for past years (also posted on the web site). Please note that the link at the top of the web site titled "Budget" shows past year audited budgets as well as the current one. We were blessed with a Federal grant last year as well as carry-over funds from the previous year which distorted the figures for the past and current year.

I realize that the Grand Jury is comprised of volunteers who offer their services to the community doing an essentially thankless job for no pay. I applaud all of you for doing that, but with all due respect might suggest that your job and mine would be made easier if I had had the opportunity to respond to some of the findings prior to publication of your report or if you had possibly looked at each CSD over a more protracted period of time. I do hope that I have herein addressed all of the Jury's concerns and want to thank you again for your hard work and dedication.

Most sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Eulberg".

John F. Eulberg, General Manager