

**Palo Verde Cemetery District
343 W. 10th Avenue
Blythe, CA 92225**

Riverside County Grand Jury
Riverside Superior Court
P O Box 829
Riverside, CA 92502

Subject: Response to the 2008-09 Grand Jury Report: Palo Verde Cemetery Dist.

Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

Findings: Agree

Grand Jury Recommendations:

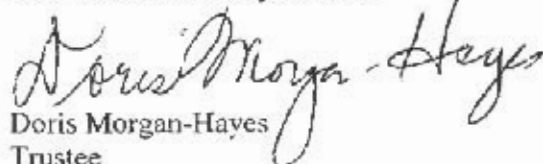
1. We have established contact with the California State Cemetery District to get information on laws and have contacted other Cemetery Districts to help us establish training for the Trustees.
2. We have no ways to seek recoupment of the funds improperly paid to or by the former manager except through the Courts. A District Attorney investigation is ongoing and hopefully we can recoup funds from charges, if filed.
3. Refers to the County Board of Supervisors
4. We do not borrow from the endowment fund. We have already paid back a substantial amount to the Fund.
5. We have written policies and procedures, particularly financial items. We do not have a computerized accounting system but have a complete set of income and expenses and keep accurate records on a paper system. We do not have the funds for a computer system and have no paid employees to operate it. We do have a computerized mapping system and are operating it.
6. We have budget for revenue and expenses based on the last 10 months of operation. We have repaid a large part of the endowment fund.
7. See Item 5

8. We receive a pass through from the Blythe Redevelopment Agency.
9. Our Supervisor, Roy Wilson, gave us a grant of \$25,000.
10. We have hired two people, part time, since that is all we can afford at the present time. As soon as finances are available we will have more paid employees.
11. We have agendized and noticed meetings and conduct all of our business in public. The meetings are held in the City of Blythe Multipurpose room.

We hope this response satisfies Section 933.5 of the California Penal Code.

Sincerely,

Palo Verde Cemetery District


Doris Morgan-Hayes
Trustee