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Honorable Mark Cope, Presiding Judge
Riverside County Superior Court
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Celeste Cantú
General
Manager

RE: Comments on Grand Jury Report - Riverside County Water and Sanitation Districts,
Compensation and Transparency

Orange
County
Water
District

Your Honor:

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) has received and reviewed the subject Grand Jury Report. SAWPA respects the role of the Grand Jury in investigating local government and the efficient and appropriate use of public resources, and appreciates the Grand Jury's investigation in the subject report.

Western
Municipal
Water District

While SAWPA did not independently research the other agencies mentioned in the report, and cannot speak for them, SAWPA respectfully submits the following responses to the findings and recommendations of the report:

Eastern
Municipal
Water
District

Grand Jury Finding No. 1:

Agree, except that Government Code Section 53208.5 does provide limits on health and welfare benefits that Directors may receive. SAWPA Directors do not, however, receive such benefits from SAWPA.

San
Bernardino
Valley
Municipal
Water
District

Grand Jury Finding No. 2:

Agree, insofar as the finding addresses the SAWPA website.

Grand Jury Finding No. 3:

Agree, with respect to SAWPA.

Inland
Empire
Utilities
Agency

Grand Jury Recommendation No. 1:

No response required of SAWPA.

Grand Jury Recommendation No. 2:

The recommendation has been implemented except as to the General Manager's contract, which will be implemented in that respect. SAWPA makes extensive use of its website to provide information to the many member agencies, ratepayers, stakeholders, and planning partners with whom it works. SAWPA recently overhauled its website, and will ensure that the General Manager's contract is posted to the new site this month.

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Grand Jury Recommendation No. 3:

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted in SAWPA's case. The ratepayers served directly by SAWPA's enterprise function—the Inland Empire Brine Line—are all public agencies or business entities, and therefore meetings are most appropriately conducted during normal business hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact our General Manager, Celeste Cantú at 951.354.4220, if further information is needed regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



Phil Anthony
Commission Chair

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