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August 14th, 2013

Riverside County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 2037
Riverside, CA 92502

Subject: 2012-2013 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Water and Sanitation Districts, Compensation and Transparency

In accordance with the California Penal Code Section 933.05, the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has responded to the above entitled Grand Jury Report within the designated 90 day period.

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District generally concurs with all of the findings of the Grand Jury except for the reporting of the General Manager's salary. The base salary per the July 18th, 2011 contract is \$147,600. The contract also allows the General Manager to be credited with 240 hours (equivalent to \$17,031) of administrative leave per year. The administrative leave is given to Mr. Fraser in lieu of sick and vacation time. The value of the administrative leave should not be included in the calculation of the General Manager's base salary unless similar methodology regarding the value of vacation and sick leave was used for all other agencies identified in the report.

Findings

1. Concur. While not applicable to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District since Directors do not receive benefits, to the extent the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has knowledge of your finding as it applies to other agencies, we agree.
2. Partially Concur. While the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District's website did not clearly identify compensation data for the Board of Directors and General Manager as a separate link, the information was provided online at www.bcvwd.org as part of several different documents. Further detail can be provided upon request.
3. Concur. While not applicable to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District with respect to regular Board meetings, to the extent the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has knowledge of your finding as it applies to other agencies, we agree.



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Recommendation

1. This recommendation will not be implemented because it does not apply to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.
2. This recommendation has been implemented by the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District. The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has created a link on the District's home page to a transparency page which contains Board of Director stipends, staff salary schedule and the General Manager's contract in a consolidated location. Currently, the Board of Directors receive a stipend of \$200 per meeting and do not receive benefits.
3. This recommendation will not be implemented because it does not apply to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.

In closing, we would like to thank the Grand Jury for their report on compensation and transparency. The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District is committed to being an open government organization.

Sincerely,

Ryan Woll,
Board President
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District

Eric Fraser, PE
General Manager
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District