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RE: 1999 Grand Jury Report

Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

The Board of Directors of the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District has received and reviewed the 1999 Grand Jury Report. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 4, 1999, this correspondence was approved as the District's official response to the Grand Jury.

Findings

1. The Board disagrees with this finding in that the Directors receive only a per diem and reimbursement. In addition, the Board has made a policy determination to implement the procedure set forth in Section 5(c) of Resolution 98-3, as amended by Resolution 99-1, as to accepted activities which will not require further approval. This policy determination was made following discussions between the Board and the District Staff as to workable definitions for activities that would be considered acceptable.

2. The Board agrees with this finding in that it provides an accurate description of the policy cited.

3. The Board agrees with this finding in that it is correct that such committees do not have written guidelines or procedures. However, the District is not unique in its procedure whereby the committees are established and its members are then authorized to proceed with their duties. It should be noted that such committees, by their very nature, are not authorized to take binding action on behalf of the District. Any action taken by the committees is in the form of recommendations that are reported back to the full Board for possible action.

4. The Board agrees with this finding to the extent that meetings of the board of directors of a public agency should follow established parliamentary procedures and the discussion should not deviate from the agenda item under consideration.

5. The Board agrees with this finding to the extent that the Board is currently taking action to address this need.

6. The Board agrees with this finding to the extent that the Board is currently taking action to address this need.

7. The Board agrees with this finding to the extent that the Board and District Staff are looking into this matter.

Recommendations

1. The Board will consider this recommendation within the next six (6) months.

2. The Board will consider this recommendation within the next six (6) months.

3. The Board has determined that this recommendation will not be implemented at this time. Please see the response to this issue as set forth in paragraph 3 under Findings.

4. The Board has already implemented this recommendation in regard to following parliamentary procedure. However, it should be noted that strict adherence to such procedures at all times may not be possible taking into account the nature of the District as a public agency that conducts meetings that are open to the public.

5. The Board has already implemented this recommendation. Please see the response to this issue as set forth in paragraph 5 under Findings.

6. The Board has already implemented this recommendation. Please see the response to this issue as set forth in paragraph 6 under Findings.

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7. The Board has already implemented this recommendation. Please see the response to this issue as set forth in paragraph 7 under Findings.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,


Gary McKenzie
President, Board of Directors