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The Honorable Ernest J. LiCalsi
Presiding Judge
Madera, County Superior Court
200 S. G Street
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Response to the 2015-16 Grand Jury Report entitled "Madera County Special District MD-95"

Honorable Judge LiCalsi:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05, the Madera County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the findings and recommendations in the 2015-16 Madera County Grand Jury Report entitled, "Madera County Special District MD-95." See Attachment #1.

The following are the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations and the Board of Supervisors' responses:

Finding 1:

The water use per residence for both Special District MD-95 (1,050,363 gallons per year) and Special District CSA-16 (997,363 gallons per year) are very disproportionate compared to the remaining special districts.

Response to Finding 1:

Respondent agrees with the finding. (Penal Code § 933.05 (a)(1).)

Finding 2:

The County does not have staff whose specific duty is to enforce the County's outdoor water use restrictions. Maintenance staff is used on an overtime basis to enforce the watering restrictions.

Response to Finding 2:

Respondent agrees with the finding. (Penal Code § 933.05 (a)(1).)

Recommendation 1:

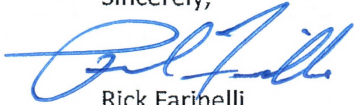
Provide the staff necessary to effectively enforce the County's water conservation efforts.

Response to Recommendation 1:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The department plans to increase staffing levels to provide sufficient enforcement throughout all County-operated water systems. As a temporary measure, the Department plans to utilize extra-help staff which will also relieve some of the overtime of maintenance staff.

Sincerely,



Rick Farinelli

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors