

Grand Jury Report

REQUIRED RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : Ukiah Valley Sanitation District - Change and Transparency Needed

Report Dated : June 19, 2019

Response Form Submitted By:

Ukiah City Council
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482 (use address block as inserted on first page)

Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: September 17, 2019

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
F1, F2, F3, F7, F8, F9, F11, F14
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have *attached* a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
- _____

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:
- _____
- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future; **attached, as required**, is a time frame for implementation:
- _____

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- The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and ***attached, as required***, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)

R1 (See Attached; Exhibit A)

- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable; ***attached, as required***, is an explanation therefore:

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 1

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail in pdf file format to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@mendocinocounty.org
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Maureen Mulheren

Title: Mayor, City of Ukiah

Signed:  Date: 7-25-19

Exhibit A: City of Ukiah's Continued Response Form

Recommendation explanation:

R1. the City and District work together to find a way to manage the overall sewer system as a single entity equitably and efficiently for all ratepayers.

The City of Ukiah agrees with this recommendation. As reported in the Grand Jury Report, the City has proposed an alternate approach that includes a simple joint power agreement between the District and City that would authorize the City to operate the system for the benefit of all ratepayers as one system with the same rates and the same services. The agreement requires a simple vote of both agencies and could be implemented immediately. This approach is supported by the City Council, but has yet to be supported by a majority of the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors. The City will continue to seek engagement, but the timeline for implementation is contingent upon the District.