

**Grand Jury Report
RESPONSE FORM**

RE: Report Titled: *Lobbies, Lawsuits and Legislation*

Report Dated: June 3, 2010

Response Form Submitted By:

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300 Seminary Avenue
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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than: August 4, 2010

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:

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.

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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)

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.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. 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 (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov
- The County's Executive Office: ceo@co.mendocino.ca.us

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

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

Printed Name: Tim Eriksen

Title: Director of Public Works

Signed: 

Date: 9/21/10

September 1, 2010

County of Mendocino
Grand Jury
PO Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482



RE: Lobbies, Lawsuits and Legislation

Response to Findings:

17. *"The City of Ukiah produces approximately 4,000 acre feet of treated waste water each year, currently stored in percolation ponds near the Russian River."*

RESPONSE:

The City treats approximately 4,000 acre feet of raw sewage each year. The treatment of the influent depends on if the effluent will be held in the ponds or discharged to the river as the City is permitted by the State Regional Water Board. When the City is discharging to the river the effluent will be processed by the Advanced Wastewater Treat (AWT) process. This process is a more expensive solution because it involves the use of more costly chemicals. It should be noted that none of the waste water that the City's plant treats is licensed for use as reclaimed water at this time.

18. *"In 2002, City of Ukiah staff claimed that they were exploring the possibility of using treated waste water for the Municipal Golf Course, city parks, and the Ukiah Cemetery District. In the 2002-2003 GJ Final Report, Recommendation C, was to continue efforts to use treated waste water for the Municipal Golf Course, city parks and the Cemetery District"*.

RESPONSE:

The City is continuing the effort to produce and utilize reclaimed water. The City Council, on September 1, 2010 approved the issuance of a request for proposal for a Recycled Water Master Plan. This plan will identify the uses defined above as well as many other valley wide uses.

Response to Recommendations:

3. *"The City of Ukiah develops uses for treated waste water other than storing it in percolation ponds; the City of Ukiah promotes negotiations with regional water managers to develop infrastructure funding for alternative uses of treated waste water"*

RESPONSE:

It should be noted that the City does not store water in the percolation ponds that could be used as reclaimed water. The water in the ponds has not been treated for the uses described for reclaimed water. The City is continuing the effort to produce and utilize reclaimed water. The City Council, on September 1, 2010 approved the issuance of a request for proposal for a Recycled Water Master Plan. This plan will identify the uses defined above as well as many other valley wide uses.