



**Marin Chapter
California Civil Grand Jurors' Association**

January 12, 2015

North Marin Water District
Attention: Mr. C. deGabriele, General Manager
999 Rush Creek Place
Novato, CA 94948

Dear Mr. deGabriele,

Re: The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Part I, June 16, 2014

I am writing to you as a member of the Implementation Review Committee of the Marin Chapter of the California Civil Grand Jurors' Association. Our Association's goals are to support the civil grand jury system and promote local government accountability. Our Chapter is composed of former Marin County Civil Grand Jurors. One of the tasks of the Implementation Review Committee is to follow-up on responses to prior Grand Jury recommendations to ascertain the status of their implementation.

Specifically, we are following up on recommendation responses presented in your July 16, 2014 letter concerning the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's June 16, 2014 report, titled "**The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Part I**". On the Grand Jury Report Form, you stated that Recommendations R3 and R4 required further analysis. The specific recommendations and your responses were as follows:

Recommendation R3: All agencies adopt an ordinance that will require private laterals to be inspected routinely and repaired as necessary.

NMWD Response: NMWD's existing Regulation 1039, Testing of Side Sewers (Exhibit C), currently addresses circumstances upon which side sewers (private laterals) must be tested. NMWD has recently smoke tested the entire collection system and identified no illegal connection to the sewer collection system. NMWD has participated with the North Bay Watershed Association in development of a private lateral inspection/replacement sample ordinance (http://www.nbwatershed.org/PDF/Lateral_Program-Report-120709.pdf) and will

consider modifying Regulation 1039 within the next six months consistent with the sample ordinance.

Recommendation 4: All agencies conduct an analysis to determine the feasibility of using treated waste water for flushing pipes in routine maintenance work.

NMWD Response: This recommendation will be studied and considered within the next six months.

As more than six months have now passed since the report was published, we assume that you have completed the further analysis on both these recommendations. Please provide the outcome of your analysis.

I will call in the near future to answer any questions that you may have. Please send your reply by January 31, 2015, electronically, to the undersigned, Helene Marsh, at marsh.helene@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Part I, June 16, 2014

Dear Director Marsh:

North Marin Water District has further analyzed Recommendation R3: **'All agencies adopt an ordinance that will require private laterals to be inspected routinely and repaired as necessary,'** and has determined that the District's existing Regulations 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 109 cover the key points outlined in the North Bay Watershed Association private lateral inspection/replacement sample ordinance (http://www.nbwatershed.org/PDF/Lateral_Program_Report_120709.pdf) sections 1 through 9. In addition, after meetings with other Marin sewer agencies, NMWD has found that its existing regulations are also consistent with the regulations and ordinances of these other agencies.

With respect to Recommendation R4: **'All agencies conduct an analysis to determine the feasibility of using treated waste water for flushing pipes and routine maintenance work:'** during the normal operation and maintenance activities for the Oceana Marin Sewer facilities, the only process in which additional water is used in the collection system is the annual clean-out of the grit chamber. This process uses less than 200 gallons of potable water, which is vacuumed out in the removal process. The remote location and access to the point of discharge is cost-prohibitive for the District to develop a connection point for reuse at this time.

Sincerely,

Chris DeGabriele
General Manager

Enclosures

CC: Steve Kinsey, Supervisor Marin County Board of Supervisor

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