



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

December 17, 2014

San Rafael Sanitation District
Attention: Mr. G. Phillips, Board Chairman.
P.O. Box 151560
San Rafael, CA 94915

Dear Mr. Phillips,

Re: The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Parts I and II

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 September 10 2014 letter concerning the Marin County Civil Grand Jury's June 16, 2014 reports, titled "**The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Parts I and II**". We have identified the responses in each report, which you state are subject to follow up actions by the District and listed these in Exhibit 1. As six months have now passed, we assume that you have concluded your analysis and we would appreciate knowing the current status of the recommendations.

I will call you during the first week of January to answer any questions you may have regarding this request. Please send your reply by January 31, 2015, electronically, to the undersigned, Helene Marsh, at marsh.helene@gmail.com. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Helene Marsh
Member, Implementation Review Committee
Director, Marin Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association
Tel: 415-789-5454
marsh.helene@gmail.com

EXHIBIT 1

Recommendations and Responses

**“The Scoop on Marin County Sewer Systems, Parts I and II”, June 16, 2014
(partial list only)**

Part I

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

Response: *At the present, SRSD includes replacement of the lower laterals in conjunction with the District's sewer main replacement projects. Over the next six (6) months, SRSD plans to review other agencies' lateral inspection and replacement programs and receive feedback from them, and will also work with the Marin Association of Realtors.*

Recommendation R4: *All agencies conduct an analysis to determine the feasibility of using treated waste water for flushing pipes in routine maintenance work.*

Response: *Currently being implemented: As a member of the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) Joint Powers Authority, SRSD is supporting CMSA's current collaboration with Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) on a Recycled Water Engineering Report. This report will support the use of CMSA's recycled water for sewer line flushing by SRSD and other local agencies. CMSA and anticipate authorization from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board for the use of recycled water by the end of calendar year 2014. SRSD will then work with CMSA to implement the use of recycled water for flushing pipes.*

Part II

Recommendation R8: *Alto, San Rafael, Sanitary District #2 and SASM develop and operate an internet website. The website should include, at a minimum, details of the agency and its leadership, board meeting agendas and minutes, an annual budget, audited financial statements, and the SSMP including the OER.*

Response: *Currently being implemented: SRSD developed a webpage under the City of San Rafael website during the early part of this year. SRSD has included some of the information listed*

San Rafael Sanitary District

Response to the IRC's follow up letter of December 17, 2014.

Part I

On 4/1/15, Helene Marsh (IRC) had a conversation with Doris Toy. She was on maternity leave when the report was issued in June 2014 and had not prepared a written response to my follow up letter addressed to Gary Phillips. It seemed that they did not want to put anything in writing beyond the official response from Gary Phillips.

On the phone she said they are still considering Recommendation R3 of Part I (adopting a private lateral ordinance).

Regarding R4 (use of treated wastewater for flushing pipes), this is dependent on the response of the Regional Water Quality Control Board to CMSA's application to use water from their plant. She said that if CMSA gets the go-ahead and is able to supply treated water for pipe flushing, then San Rafael will use it.

Part II

Recommendation R8: On 4/1/15 Doris Toy advised by phone that they have not yet managed to upload all the information onto their website page as recommended by the Grand Jury due to website problems that they are experiencing. She hopes to get this done soon. Check back with her for update status.