



County of Orange

County Executive Office

August 23, 2022

Honorable Erick L. Larsh
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report, "Orange County Power Authority: Come Clean"

Dear Judge Larsh:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. The respondents are the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Lala Oca Ragen of the County Executive Office at 714-834-7219.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Responses to Findings and Recommendations 2021-22 Grand Report

cc: Orange County Grand Jury
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Elizabeth Guillen-Merchant, Director, Performance Management and Policy



**Responses to Findings and Recommendations
2021-22 Grand Jury Report:**

“Orange County Power Authority: Come Clean”

SUMMARY RESPONSE STATEMENT:

On June 24, 2022, the Grand Jury released a report entitled “Orange County Power Authority: Come Clean.” This report requested a response to a recommendation from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. The response is below:

RECOMMENDATION AND RESPONSE:

- R4. Utilize a member agency clerk or assign a qualified OCPA staff member to handle the agendas and minutes for the OCPA Board and OCPA Community Advisory Committee to ensure that they are prepared properly and posted in a timely manner. (F6) Timeline: October 1, 2022.**

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors is not the governing body of OCPA and therefore the recommendation is not properly directed to the County of Orange. While the County of Orange is a signatory to the Joint Powers Agreement and one member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors sits on the OCPA Board of Directors, the Orange County Board of Supervisors does not have the authority to issue a directive that OCPA must follow, and thus cannot implement a recommendation that is directed to OCPA. The member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors who serves on the OCPA Board of Directors is expected to vote on OCPA’s official response to this Grand Jury report.