



CITY of YORBA LINDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 19, 2022

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

RE: Response to the Orange County Grand Jury report – “Where Have All the CRVs Gone?”

Judge Larsh:

The City of Yorba Linda has reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury report titled “Where Have All the CRVs Gone?” and has formulated a response to each of the required findings and recommendations as outlined on pages 14 – 15 of the report in compliance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05.

Although the Grand Jury Report contains 4 findings, the City of Yorba Linda is only required to respond to Findings F1, F2 & F3, as well as all 4 recommendations as outlined in the response matrices on pages 16 – 19.

F1 Due to the reduced availability of convenient CRV redemption sites and the lack of accurate online information, it is difficult for resident consumers to redeem CRV fees.

Response The City of Yorba Linda agrees with the finding.

F2 Because redemption site locations have diminished in number, waste haulers are the beneficiaries to the CRV fees paid originally by resident consumers.

Response The City of Yorba Linda agrees with the finding.

F3 CalRecycle is attempting to improve CRV redemption and reduce CRV recyclables from landfills and are offering financial incentives to do so. Orange County and its cities are not fully taking advantage of the grant or pilot program opportunities available through CalRecycle.

Response The City of Yorba Linda disagrees partially with the finding. In past years the City of Yorba Linda participated in CalRecycle’s grant program via their Beverage Container Recycling Program. However as the grant program evolved over time and the scope of program expenditures were restricted, it became apparent that the program was no longer cost-effective for Yorba Linda due to the amount of funding available.

R1 By January of 2023, each of the cities in Orange County should research and apply for available grants or pilot programs from CalRecycle for their community that focus on returning more CRV funds to their residents.

Response The recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Yorba Linda will research available grants or pilot programs from CalRecycle for the community that focus on returning more CRV funds to the residents but only apply for and pursue those that are appropriate and are financially viable.

R2 By January of 2023, the Orange County Board of Supervisors should require OC Waste & Recycling to research and apply for available grants or pilot programs from CalRecycle for the unincorporated areas of OC that focus on returning more CRV funds to their residents.

Response The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable as it pertains to other agencies for which the City of Yorba Linda does not oversee.

R3 When renegotiating their current waste hauler contract, all cities and the County of Orange should assess the value of the CRV funds received by the waste hauler in their jurisdiction and creatively leverage this revenue for the benefit of their residents.

Response The recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future when the current waste hauler contract is ended and a new one is negotiated, most likely in 2029.

R4 By January 2023, all cities and the County of Orange should develop extensive community outreach programs aimed at educating the public about how to access CRV redemption in their jurisdiction.

Response The recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Yorba Linda will research the issue in order to determine how to best provide appropriate community outreach and education regarding access to CRV redemption within its jurisdiction.

Should you have any questions or require any further information from the City of Yorba Linda, please feel free to contact our Assistant City Manager, David Christian at (714)961-7107 or dchristian@yorbalinga.gov.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Orange County Grand Jury