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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: El Toro Water District Response to Certain Grand Jury Findings
and Recommendations – 2014/15 Report "Increasing Water
Recycling: A Win-Win for Orange County"

As required by Penal Code 933.05 (a) and (b), El Toro Water District hereby
provides the following response to Finding F.6 and Recommendation R.4:

F.6 The El Toro Water District, the City of San Clemente, the Santa
Margarita Water District and the Trabuco Canyon Water District process
a combined average total of 19.3 million gallons per day and send to the
ocean 9.5 million gallons per day. The remaining 9.8 million gallons per
day are used for landscape irrigation.

Response

*The El Toro Water District (ETWD) concurs with the referenced WW
Volume In (3.7 mgd), WW Volume Out Ocean (3.3 mgd) and WW
Volume Out Purple Pipe (0.4 mgd) for ETWD. ETWD cannot
substantiate the other agencies WW flow data.*

*The aforementioned concurrence is based on WW flows at the time of
the Grand Jury's original WW flow data request. Subsequent to the
submittal of that data, ETWD invested approximately \$35 million into a
multi-phase Recycled Water Expansion Project that has and will produce
the following WW Volume In and Out:*

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<u>Pipe</u>	<u>WW In</u>	<u>WW Out Ocean</u>	<u>WW Out Purple</u>
<i>Original Response</i>	<i>3.7 mgd</i>	<i>3.3 mgd</i>	<i>0.4 mgd</i>
<i>Phase I (Complete)</i>	<i>3.7 mgd</i>	<i>2.3 mgd</i>	<i>1.4 mgd</i>
<i>Phase II (Design/CEQA)</i>	<i>3.7 mgd</i>	<i>2.1 mgd</i>	<i>1.6 mgd</i>

At the completion of Phase II, the percentage of ETWD WW Inflow that is recycled for beneficial reuse (purple pipe) will increase from 11% to 43% which will improve local water supply reliability and further reduce OC dependence on imported water.

- R.4 The El Toro Water District, the City of San Clemente, the Santa Margarita Water District and the Trabuco Canyon Water District should conduct a study of possible methods of increasing the amount of processed wastewater and implement the most cost effective method to reduce the amount of imported water to Orange County.

Response

The South County Agencies collectively recognize the necessity and importance of maximizing the beneficial reuse of wastewater inflows. To that end, coordination between “all” South County water purveyors has been initiated. The objective is to develop a regional recycled water master plan that interconnects existing and future recycled water systems to optimally increase beneficial reuse, to reduce discharges to the ocean and our dependence on the import water system.

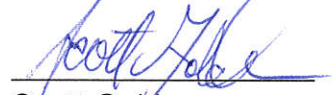
Subsequently, the agencies have worked together to start identifying future wastewater flows, points of interconnection of recycled water systems and seasonal storage opportunities. This regional effort is intended to position South County to take advantage of all current and future Local (Metropolitan WD), State and Federal funding opportunities.

Concurrently with this regional collaboration, ETWD will be financially participating in a Moulton Niguel Water District Recycled Water Master Plan Update that will evaluate their recycled water expansion opportunities inclusive of possible cross jurisdictional recycled water sales/purchases and/or exchange arrangements between the two agencies.

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Cordially,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Goldman", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Goldman

President

Cc: ETWD Board of Directors
Robert Hill, General Manager