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March 23, 2016

The Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Update on Implementation of Accepted Recommendations in the Grand Jury Report entitled "*Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*"

Dear Presiding Judge Margines:

On June 29, 2015, the Grand Jury released a report entitled "*Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*." This report required a response to findings and recommendations from the Santiago Aqueduct Commission. Per the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury's request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933.05, the Commission responded to findings F.4 and F.5, and recommendation R.3 on September 17, 2015. The purpose of this letter is to update you and the Grand Jury on the Commission's actions to implement the recommendations accepted but not yet implemented at the time of our previous communication.

The Commission informed the Grand Jury in its response that it would, beginning with Fiscal Year 2014-2015, hire an independent firm to conduct an annual audit of its finances, post the complete audit on its website, and send the audit to the County Controller. The Commission has taken these actions and considers the implementation of the accepted recommendations for R.3 complete. The complete audit can be viewed at www.irwd.com/about-us/santiago-aqueduct-commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on our efforts. I trust this letter will satisfy the request for a report on the progress being made on each recommendation accepted but not completed at the time of our first correspondence. If you have any questions about the Commission or this update, please feel free to contact me at (949) 453-5590.

Sincerely,



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cc: Orange County Grand Jury