



City of Brea

September 14, 2018

Honorable Charles Margines
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Orange
700 Civic Center West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report, *Orange County Landfills: Talking Trash*

Dear Presiding Judge Margines:

The Brea City Council, along with the City Manager's Office and Public Works Department, have reviewed the Grand Jury's report, *Orange County Landfills: Talking Trash*. On behalf of the City of Brea, I am pleased to provide you with a response to the Grand Jury's report.

Findings

F1. The Orange County waste disposal system is efficient, well balanced, geographically distributed, and works to mitigate disturbance to nearby neighborhoods.

Response: The City of Brea agrees with the finding. Although measures to mitigate disturbances have been implemented, the City of Brea recognizes the effects the landfill has on our City. We understand its county-wide benefits, but also consider the impacts it has on our residents.

F2. The Orange County landfill system would be disrupted by the closure of any one of the landfills.

Response: The City of Brea agrees with the finding.

City Council

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F3. The Olinda Alpha Landfill is a possible candidate for closure in 2021 if negotiations with the City of Brea prove unsuccessful.

Response: The City of Brea agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

R1. By December 30, 2018, the County of Orange and the City of Brea should initiate formal negotiations to ensure identification and resolution of potential issues with the Olinda Alpha Landfill Memorandum of Understanding.

Response: The recommendation has been somewhat implemented. The City of Brea has already initiated contact with the Olinda Alpha Landfill County officials to begin discussing formal negotiations. Further discussions will continue to address and resolve potential issues with the Olinda Alpha Landfill Memorandum of Understanding.

The City of Brea values the Grand Jury's report, *Orange County Landfills: Talking Trash* and appreciates the opportunity to respond. Should you have any questions, please contact City Manager, Bill Gallardo, at (714)990-7711.

Sincerely,



Bill Gallardo
City Manager
City of Brea

CC: Brea City Council