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The Honorable Thomas J. Borris
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
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The Honorable Thomas J. Borris:

The below represents our response to the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Let there be Light,' Dragging Special Districts from the Shadows."

R10. "The Orange County Tax Collector should obtain all the specific allocations for the 1% property tax from the County Auditor-Controller and show them on the tax bill (not just the current generalized summary) sent to each property owner so that the taxpayers are informed of how much each service is costing them.

Currently, there is very limited space available on the secured property tax bills. This space is insufficient to explain the 1% allocation process and identify the amount allocated to water districts on a TRA basis. As an alternative, I will pursue putting a general explanation regarding water districts on each tax bill or insert included with the secured tax bill, with a link that will allow taxpayers to identify their specific water district allocations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 834-7625 or e-mail me at Shari.Freidenrich@ttc.ocgov.com.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Orange County Grand Jury
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