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August 9, 2011

The Honorable Thomas J. Borris, Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Subject: Response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report *Compensation Survey of Orange County Water and Sanitation Districts*

Dear Judge Borris:

This letter is in response to the 2010-2011 Orange County Grand Jury (OC Grand Jury) Report *Compensation Survey of Orange County Water and Sanitation Districts*. The following represents Mesa Consolidated Water District's (Mesa Water) response to the OC Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations.

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GRAND JURY FINDINGS:

F.1: District websites often do not provide easy public access to compensation and financial data of the district, if available at all.

F.1 Response: Mesa Water agrees with the finding. Mesa Water's compensation and financial data has been on our website since August 2010.

F.2: District websites were sometimes not updated to reflect public meeting changes or cancellations.

F.2 Response: Mesa Water agrees with the finding. Mesa Water's website has been online with up-to-date information since June 2002.

R.1: Provide in an easily accessible format on the district's website, data on compensation for the board of directors and general manager, as well as current budget and financial reports.

R.1: Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Mesa Water's website has contained the information recommended, which appears in several places on the site, since August 2010.

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R.2: Maintain and update agendas, minutes, meeting schedules and location on the district's website.

R.2. Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Mesa Water's website has contained the information as recommended since 2008. Nonetheless, in an effort to further the user-friendly capability of Mesa Water's website, the following modifications have been made:

- ◆ **The Board of Directors menu subcategories were renamed and reorganized for clarity. The drop-down menu will read Board meetings and a subcategory list will appear for the selection of Board meeting packets or Board meeting minutes.**
- ◆ **Additionally, a new paragraph was added with a brief description indicating the time and location for regular Board meetings.**

The Mesa Water Board of Directors applauds the OC Grand Jury for taking interest in special districts and supports their efforts to ensure the public trust, transparency, public participation, and collaboration.

Respectfully submitted,

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