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

> Re: Response of Serrano Water District to Orange County Grand Jury Report "Compensation Survey of Water and Sanitation Districts"

Dear Judge Borris:

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933.05, the Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District ("SWD"), which is the governing body of SWD, has authorized me, as the general manager of SWD, to provide these comments to the Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court on the findings and recommendations in the Orange County Grand Jury's June 10, 2011 report entitled Compensation Survey of Water and Sanitation Districts:

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

Response to Finding F.1: Based upon its limited knowledge of websites maintained by other water agencies and by sanitation agencies, SWD generally agrees with finding F.1.

Grand Jury Finding F.2 "District websites were sometimes not updated to reflect public meeting changes or cancellations."

Response to Finding F.2: Based upon its limited knowledge of websites maintained by other water agencies and by sanitation agencies, SWD generally agrees with finding F.2.

Grand Jury Recommendation 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."

Response to Recommendation R.1: Recommendation R.1 has been implemented. The SWD website (<u>www.serranowater.org</u>) includes in an easily accessible format data on the compensation

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> for members of the board of directors and management of SWD, as well as the current budget and financi2al report for SWD.

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

Response to Recommendation R.2: Recommendation R.2 has been implemented. SWD maintains on its website (<u>www.serranowater.org</u>) agendas, minutes, board meeting schedules and the location of the SWD office. Effective as of the date of this letter, SWD will be updating this information on an asneeded basis.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding the responses of the Serrano Water District to this Grand Jury Report.

Very truly yours,

SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

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