

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Planning Committee/Board of Directors

Title: Marin County Grand Jury Report Responses

From: Ben Horenstein, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 25, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM:	Action	X	Review and Comment
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RECOMMENDATION: Review and comment on the proposed responses to the June 11, 2026 Grand Jury Report and provide staff with direction

SUMMARY: Each year, the Marin County Civil Grand Jury is charged with publishing a report based on investigations conducted by volunteer members of the Civil Grand Jury under the supervision of the presiding judge. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 933, the governing body of a public agency, whose operations are the subject of any report, shall provide comments on this report to the presiding judge within 90 days following the final report. This is consistent with District Board Policy No. 44, which requires the Board to consider the response at a public meeting of the Board. This year, the Grand Jury published a report that requires responses: Better Service at Lower Cost - Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin, June 11, 2026. Responses to these reports are due on September 11, 2026.

DISCUSSION: Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code prescribes the manner of response to a grand jury report. Specifically, as to each of the findings pertaining the District, the response shall indicate whether the District agrees with the finding or disagrees wholly or partially with the finding. If the latter, the response shall identify the portion with which there is disagreement and include an explanation of the reasons therefore. The response must also address each of the recommendations in the report pertaining the District by indicating (1) the recommendation has been implemented with an explanation, (2) the recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be in the future along with a timeframe, (3) the recommendation requires further analysis along with an explanation of the scope of analysis and a timeframe, within six months, or (4) the recommendation will not be implemented along with an explanation of the reasons.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Responses to Grand Jury Report
2. Grand Jury Report entitled "Better Service at a Lower Cost - Optimizing Essentials for the Future of Marin"