



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: Marin County Grand Jury Report Response
From: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the District’s response to the Grand Jury Report “*Better Service at a Lower Cost: Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin*” (Report) and Authorize the General Manager to execute and transmit the response on behalf of the District

SUMMARY: This item was reviewed by the Planning Committee on August 25, 2026, and referred to the full Board at a future regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

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 release of 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. On June 11, 2026, the Grand Jury published a report, “*Better Service at Lower Cost - Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin*” that requires the District, along with the County of Marin and other districts within the County, to respond . Responses to the Report 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 to 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 to 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.

Staff prepared a response on behalf of the District, which was presented to the Board at the regularly scheduled Planning Committee/ Board of Directors meeting. Staff recommends that the Board

approve the response and authorize the District's General Manager to execute and transmit the response on behalf of the District.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Office of the General Manager		
	Ben Horenstein General Manager	Ben Horenstein General Manager