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## GRAND JURY

The Honorable Allan D. Hardcastle, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court for the County of Sonoma  
600 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Re: Response by the City of Sonoma to the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Final Report: "Got Water?"

Dear Judge Hardcastle:

I am pleased to respond on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sonoma to the below-referenced recommendations of the 2003-2004 Sonoma County Grand Jury as presented in the report, "Got Water?"

R1. The county and each of its cities should adopt or amend a sustainable water element as part of their general plan with a target date of January 1, 2005, the adoption date of the next general plan.

The City of Sonoma is in the process of updating its current (1995) general plan. Among the key resources used in the general plan update is a May, 2003 comprehensive review of the City's water system and supply needs. The review, conducted by Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers, includes an updated description of the City's water system, a review of recent water production data and updated projections of water supply and storage requirements. The review provides an overview of the current status of the Sonoma County Water Agency's efforts to meet its obligations to its contractors with specific focus on the Agency's ability to secure and deliver adequate supplies, including required infrastructure improvements to Sonoma Valley.

As the general plan update progresses, the analysis of the water system and projected water needs will be updated and potential impacts will be described in the environmental impact report required for the update.

We expect that the updated general plan for 2005-2020 will be adopted in the Spring of 2005.

R2. The county and each of its cities should adopt and develop a comprehensive groundwater management plan such as that set forth in AB 3030. The information from the existing groundwater studies should be used to provide a bank of information upon which to initiate a groundwater management plan.

The City currently is participating in a long-term groundwater monitoring study for the Sonoma Valley, along with the Valley of the Moon Water District and the Sonoma County Water Agency.

I would be happy to respond to any questions that you may have regarding these issues.

Very truly yours,



Michael Fuson  
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and Councilmembers  
Public Works Administrator  
Planning and Community Services Administrator