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Re: Response to 2006-2007 Sonoma County Grand Jury Report

This letter is in response to the recommendations contained in the 2006-2007 Sonoma County Grand Jury Final Report. Windsor's Town Manager was asked to respond the following reports and recommendations:

- Access and Recreation in Open Space District Properties – R6
- Signs of the Times – R6
- Wastewater: Money Down the Drain? – R1, R5 and R6

Wastewater: Money Down the Drain ?

Recommendation R1 – Begin the creation of a master plan that includes ground water, surface water and waste water.

Response: Windsor has developed, periodically reviewed and updated master plans for both its water and water reclamation (wastewater) systems since the 1980's. These master plans have evaluated water supply sources for potable water and potable water offsets through the beneficial reuse of recycled water. The Town is currently updating its Water System Master Plan, which will evaluate the availability and use of groundwater, surface water and recycled water. The Town's Water Reclamation System Master Plan is scheduled to be updated in 2008.

Recommendation R5 – Determine how much, realistically, should be set aside for capital improvements

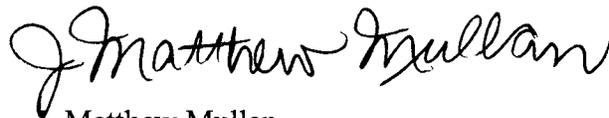
Response: The Town periodically reviews and evaluates the revenue needs of the water and water reclamation systems. Earlier this year, the Town Council approved water and water reclamation rate increases that will support both operating expenses and capital improvements for these systems. Connection fees, paid by new development, are designed to fund the expansion of the water and water reclamation systems in order to serve new development. These fees are also periodically reviewed and adjusted based upon the updated costs of system expansion.

Recommendation R6 – Reopen the examination of consolidation of smaller facilities and continue consolidation efforts.

Response: Windsor's water system has been designed, constructed and financed to serve the sphere of influence of the Town of Windsor. In addition, pursuant to several outside water service agreements, some executed in the 1980's prior to the incorporation of the Town, Windsor also provides outside water service to some unincorporated areas outside of the Town limits, including: the Airport Specific Plan area surrounding the Sonoma County Airport, parcels west of the Sonoma County Airport and south of Shiloh Road along Old Redwood Highway and the Shiloh Meadows and Mayacama subdivisions in the foothills east of the Town. Any new outside water service agreements would require approval by the Windsor Town Council and Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Please contact me at 838-5311 if you have any questions regarding the Town's responses.

Respectfully submitted,



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