SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: Whose Library Is It?

Report Date: June 28, 2012

Response by: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1 The Board of Supervisors evaluate the Library’s leadership structure, including the JPA, and write a report suggesting ways to improve collaboration.

Board of Supervisors’ Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be by the end of 2012.

To date, the Board has instructed County Administrator’s staff to review the Joint Powers Agreement structure and find opportunities for update given it was established in 1975. The County Administrator and City Managers group assigned a working group to review the JPA agreement and leadership structure. The group includes the County Administrator, Sonoma City Manager, Healdsburg City Manager, Cotati City Manager, Santa Rosa Assistant City Manager, and a County Administrator Analyst.

Subsequently, on August 8, 2012, the Sonoma County Mayors & Councils Group established an expanded working group with appointees from the 9 cities, the County and the Library Commission. The individuals assigned to this group are to be identified by September 21, 2012.

Since Board of Supervisors has requested the JPA document be reviewed, staff will work with the expanded working group, and provide a report to the Board of Supervisors by June 30, 2013.

R2 The Board of Supervisors establish an education and training process, including budget analysis, for current and future Library commissioners.

Board of Supervisors’ Response: This recommendation has not yet implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

The county will coordinate with the Commission to establish a training program as part of the JPA and leadership structure review.

Date: 9-21-12 Signed: