

Responses to the 2019-2020 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury Reports

Providing Continuity by Following Through on Previous Investigations

SUMMARY

The 2020-2021 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury has reviewed the responses to the investigations and Recommendations made by the 2019-2020 Grand Jury. The 2019-2020 Grand Jury issued six investigative reports, and this summary addresses the responses received from the responsible entities named in those reports. Although respondents did not adopt all Recommendations, their responses do comply with the requirements of the Penal Code.

BACKGROUND

The Civil Grand Jury system in California exists to promote effective and efficient local government. The Penal Code gives the Grand Jury broad investigative powers to provide oversight to county, city governments, and special districts within Sonoma County, bringing positive change in the best interest of all residents.

Each year the Grand Jury investigates local government institutions and issues reports containing the results of these investigations and Findings that lead to Recommendations for improvement. Governing bodies and department officials are required to respond to the Findings and Recommendations. Boards are directed to respond within 90 days of the release of a grand jury's report. Elected county officials are required to respond within 60 days. (Penal Code § 933(c)).

Succeeding grand juries review those responses and determine whether they meet the requirements of the Penal Code. This review establishes continuity from one grand jury to the next. The seated grand jury may evaluate responses for adequacy and determine whether appropriate steps have been taken to implement Recommendations.

METHODOLOGY

The Grand Jury evaluated responses for compliance with the governing sections of the Penal Code § 933.05.

DISCUSSION

According to the Penal Code, governing bodies and officials are required to respond to Findings in grand jury reports and the respondent shall indicate one of the following:

- (1) The respondent agrees with the Finding.
- (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the Finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

According to the Penal Code, as to each grand jury Recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

- (1) The Recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implementation action.
- (2) The Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
- (3) The Recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
- (4) The Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

CONCLUSION

The 2020-2021 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury concluded that the responses to the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Recommendations comply with the Penal Code. In addition, the Grand Jury has included its observations on the responses following pages titled: 2019-2020 Grand Jury Response Summary Chart.

Within the six issued reports, the Grand Jury made 52 Findings and issued 41 Recommendations requiring responses from 19 different County and city agencies, governing boards, and two invited responses.

Of the Recommendations, 63% have been or will be implemented and 17% will require further analysis. The respondents also indicated they will not implement eight of the Recommendations within the Spring Specific Plan and the Homeless Youth reports, equaling 20%.

Report	Recommendation Actions						
	Total	Implemented	In Progress	Future Implementation	Further Analysis	Will Not Be Implemented	
Spring Specific Plan	5	2				3	
Sheriff-Coroner	2	1			1		
Homeless Youth	14	2		5	2	5	
Homeless Crisis	6		4		2		
Emergency Water Shortages	8	3	3		2		
Regional Water Resources	6	4	2				
Total	41	12	9	5	7	8	
Percent of all Recommendations >		29%	22%	12%	17%	20%	
		63%					

A copy of the full 2019-2020 Grand Jury report and responses received can be located within the County of Sonoma, Superior Court of California website.

[Individual Final Reports and Responses 2019-2020](#)

2019-2020 Grand Jury Response Summary Chart

SPRINGS SPECIFIC PLAN

RES = Respondent BOS = So Co Board of Supervisors PS = Permit Sonoma SSP = Spring Specific Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
R1. Permit Sonoma offer Donald Street residents an official apology for their missteps by July 1, 2020.	PS	This Recommendation will not be implemented. Permit Sonoma followed all public disclosure laws and met all legal obligations in determining the planning area for the draft SSP.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented. The Grand Jury appreciates PS's efforts to improve communication.
R2. Permit Sonoma hold substantive discussions with the Donald Street residents regarding their principal concerns regarding the SSP by July 1, 2020, or before finalizing the SSP, whichever comes first.	PS	PS has previously implemented this Recommendation. PS is committed to working with area residents as the SSP process continues.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented. The Grand Jury appreciates PS's commitment to be responsive to the community.
R3. Permit Sonoma respond to the principal concerns expressed by Donald Street neighborhood with an explanation as to why they can or cannot accommodate the requests of the Donald Street neighborhood residents by July 1, 2020.	PS	PS has implemented this Recommendation. To remove the Donald Street Area from the draft SSP is a policy decision that is at the discretion of the Planning Commission and the BOS. PS reports to the Grand Jury they have extended the public review period for the draft EIR.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented.
R4. The Grand Jury does not dictate policy, however, if accommodations cannot be reached, the Board of Supervisors should consider severing Donald Street from the SSP.	BOS	This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable. The BOS states that SSP approval remains under development and is still in a proposal process. Interested members of the public will have opportunities to provide public input and request changes to the draft plan prior to final approval.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented.

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<p>R5. Permit Sonoma determine where the procedures used for SSP failed, and adopt revised procedures to avoid a repetition of the oversight, with a copy of the revised procedures sent to the Grand Jury by July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>PS</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. PS does not agree that its public outreach procedures have failed, or that revised procedures are necessary. PS follows the requirements of state law.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges this Recommendation will not be implemented.</p>

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE

RES = Respondent BOS = So Co Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R1. The Board of Supervisors, working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and the Coroner's Office Lieutenant, identify a new location for the Coroner's Office and Morgue facility by December 1, 2020.</p>	<p>BOS</p> <p>Sheriff</p>	<p>This Recommendation requires further analysis. The Coroner's office relocation depends on the final sale of the Chanate Property. The County will lease back the facility for a short term.</p> <p>This Recommendation has not been implemented but will be in the future. The relocation is the number one priority in the <i>Sheriff's Office Capital Project Request for the 2020-2025 General Government Capital Project Plan</i> in December 2019. It is imperative that planning for a new facility begin in FY 2020-2021.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that that the response requires further analysis. The Grand Jury recognizes that the relocation will depend on the sale of the Chanate Property. In addition, the Grand Jury acknowledges the relocation is dependent on the BOS for project planning and prioritization and for funding.</p>
<p>R2. The Board of Supervisors budget the purchase of a new dental x-ray machine for the Coroner's Office for delivery by December 1, 2020.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This Recommendation has been implemented. The Sheriff's Office has purchased a portable, handheld dental x-ray machine with existing budgetary appropriations.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this recommendation has been implemented.</p>

HOMELESS YOUTH

RES = Respondent BOS = So Co Board of Supervisors CAO = County Administrator's Office
 CDC = So Co Community Development Commission DHS = So Co Department of Health Services
 SCOE = So Co Office of Education

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R1. The Board of Supervisors commit to reducing the number of homeless young people in Sonoma County to functional zero within three years.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This Recommendation needs further analysis. The Board emphasizes that it has made significant investments to develop affordable and permanent housing, including an increase of \$8 million in 2020-2021.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation requires further analysis. The Grand Jury recognizes that considerable efforts and expenditures have been devoted to this problem. However, reduction in the number of homeless youth to functional zero remains as a significant goal.</p>
<p>R2. The Sonoma County Community Development Commission increase the number of shelter beds for homeless youth, keeping in mind the needs for safe space for young people, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>CDC</p>	<p>This Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented by February 28, 2021. The Commission needs new funds to pay for additional beds, but will work with shelter providers to allocate additional beds for youth in existing shelters.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p>
<p>R3. Sonoma County Community Development Commission ensure that shelter beds for young people are available in all areas of the County with a homeless youth population, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>CDC</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. By February 28, 2021 the Commission will engage homeless youth to develop strategies on where additional shelter beds might be located. Further analysis will be required to secure, fund or develop sheltering, whether temporary or permanent supportive housing. In an interim approach, the CDC can request existing providers to set aside beds for youth in areas such as South County (Petaluma), and youth beds in our winter shelters in Guerneville and Santa Rosa.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes the difficulty of geographic dispersion, the lack of year-round housing in areas of the county, and the uncertain funding inherent in this Recommendation. The Jury appreciates the significant efforts being expended to meet this challenge and encourages the CDC to consider further options.</p>

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<p>R4. Sonoma County Department of Health Services contract with an existing in-County residential addiction treatment facility to set aside a small number of beds for youth, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>DHS</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. Existing treatment beds are available to both youth and adults, and DHS prioritizes the development of permanent supportive housing alternatives augmented by mental health and substance abuse disorder services.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes efforts by the DHS to provide both permanent housing and treatment beds, but emphasizes the need to consider the specific problems characteristic of homeless youth.</p>
<p>R5. Sonoma County Department of Health Services establish a drug and alcohol program specifically designed to treat youth with substance abuse disorders, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>DHS</p>	<p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future.</p> <p>By February 28, 2021, DHS Behavioral Health Division will complete a mapping of Sonoma County Services and SUD Service System Planning processes, including timelines. This will include development of recommendations for services needed by transition-age youth with substance use disorders. The Department expects to implement age-appropriate treatment protocols by June 30, 2021.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p>
<p>R6. Sonoma County Department of Health Services staff a department with a sufficient number of Behavioral Therapists to meet the demand for Medi-Cal mental health services in the homeless youth population, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>DHS</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. DHS staffing and contract services meet current state requirements for Medi-Cal Mental Health plans and revenues are not adequate to support new service development at this time. However, future system development will include programs and resources specifically tailored to the young adult population. An example mentioned is to reinstitute mobile crisis response to high school and alternative settings and through Santa Rosa Junior College.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes that DHS staffing and services meet Medi-Cal requirements and appreciates the intention of DHS to expand services and resources in the future.</p>

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<p>R7. If it is safe to do so, Sonoma County Department of Health Services set aside a small number of beds for unaccompanied youth in the new short-term mental health facility in Sebastopol, by December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>DHS</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Sebastopol site has been determined to be not suitable. A psychiatric health facility is set to be opened in Santa Rosa in Spring, 2021; this will expand capacity in the system, and DHS sees no need to set aside beds specifically for this population. DHS believes the system will have capacity to serve youth in need of services.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes that the Sebastopol site was not suitable and that DHS plans to open a Psychiatric Health Facility in Santa Rosa. The Grand Jury also understands the hesitancy to set aside beds for a specific population if the system has sufficient capacity to meet its needs.</p>
<p>R8. Sonoma County Office of Education form a partnership with a local financial institution to implement a financial literacy program for middle and high school students, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>SCOE</p>	<p>This Recommendation has been implemented. SCOE does not have the authority to direct school districts to implement a specific program or adopt a specific curriculum, but since 2009 it has partnered with Sonoma County High Schools and the Redwood Credit Union to offer a free 16-hour Banking and Finance Academy for students in grades 10-12.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes that SCOE cannot direct school districts to implement specific programs and commends SCOE for its partnership with the Redwood Credit Union and county High Schools. The Grand Jury encourages SCOE to seek further voluntary opportunities to foster financial literacy at both middle and high school levels.</p>
<p>R9. Sonoma County Community Development Commission allocate funds to homeless youth programs and services proportionate to the size of the subpopulation in the most recent census data, when not otherwise constrained by restrictions on state and federal funds, for the FY 2021-22 budget cycle.</p>	<p>CDC</p>	<p>This Recommendation has been implemented. It is CDC's policy to allocate funding proportionate to subpopulations, and 2020 homelessness count data will be used in allocation of the 2020-2021 budget. The CDC also notes that the count shows a decrease in the number of homeless youth, reflecting efforts in place to reduce homelessness.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented.</p>

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<p>R10. Sonoma County Department of Health Services conduct outreach to the local medical community to encourage the use of the PEARLS assessment tool and provide them information about County programs available to assist children who have experienced serious trauma, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>DHS</p>	<p>This Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented by February 28, 2021. The Pediatric Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Related Life-Events Screener (PEARLS) is a highly regarded instrument. DHS has already actively incorporated ACEs into our Public Health Field Nursing service model. Case Managers provide health information/education and linkages to needed resources in order to positively impact the health and well-being of the most at-risk families in our community.</p> <p>An overview of ACES and its application to health is provided during all DHS new employee mandatory orientations.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p>
<p>R11. Sonoma County Office of Education, by February 28, 2021, begin monitoring the implementation and progress of the Upstream Project, in Hopkins, MN, and the Geelong model pilot project in Tukwila, WA, and consider implementing a pilot program on this model in Sonoma County.</p>	<p>SCOE</p>	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted and is not reasonable. The SCOE does not have the authority to direct school districts to implement a specific program or adopt a specific curriculum. Thus, it cannot implement pilot programs such as these with Sonoma County School Districts.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will not be implemented. However, the Grand Jury encourages SCOE to support efforts that prevent youth from becoming homeless.</p>
<p>R12. Sonoma County Community Development Commission establish and budget for a Youth Action Board to improve the chances of federal funding through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, by February 28, 2021.</p>	<p>CDC</p>	<p>This Recommendation has not been implemented but will be in the future. Establishment of a Youth Action Board (YAB) as part of the Home Sonoma County Leadership Model has been proposed. CDC staff will partner with youth providers to develop a YAB by June 30, 2021.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented by June 30, 2021.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R13. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Administrator’s Office identify, by December 31, 2020, a stable funding source to support sustainable programs that will reduce youth homelessness to functional zero.</p>	<p>BOS</p> <p>CAO</p>	<p>The Recommendation requires further analysis. The BOS expects to identify further funding sources starting with the FY 2021-2022 budget year. The board expects to consider this during the 2021 spring-fall budget discussions.</p> <p>This Recommendation requires further analysis. The CAO response is essentially identical to the BOS response. The framework for these discussions is in place.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation requires further analysis.</p>
<p>R14. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Administrator’s Office develop and implement, by June 30, 2021, a procedure for County departments to consistently identify and track the cost of services provided to the homeless population.</p>	<p>BOS</p> <p>CAO</p>	<p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future. Cost identification and tracking for the homeless population will be part of a larger program from the Strategic Plan that will allow tracking costs as a whole. They are looking at ways to modify the CDC dashboard to include this project level.</p> <p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future. The CAO response is essentially identical to the BOS response. Cost identification and tracking for the homeless population will be part of a larger program from the Strategic Plan that will allow tracking costs as a whole, and not only for homelessness programs.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented. The Grand Jury recognizes that tracking the cost of services is complex and that tracking costs for homeless youth services is one part of a larger work in progress.</p>

SONOMA COUNTY HAS A HOMELESS CRISIS

Res. = Respondent BOS = So Co Board of Supervisors LC = Leadership Council
 CDC = Community Development Commission CoC = Continuum of Care
 CoCB = Continuum of Care Board

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R1. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors direct the Leadership Council to develop policies and procedures to manage the homeless crisis on a Countywide and strategic basis by December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.</p> <p>Strategic planning efforts, conducted in three phases and led by CDC and Focus Strategies, are scheduled to conclude before December 31, 2020.</p> <p>A full report with recommendations, fiscal analysis of all locally funded agencies, and data analysis on projects and systems will be presented to both the Leadership Council and Board of Supervisors by or before December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes that the Leadership Council has been disbanded and replaced by a new Continuum of Care Board (CoCB). The strategic planning initiatives underway are a good start towards implementing the recommendation. It will remain for the BOS to act on the Report’s recommendations and adopt appropriate policies and procedures to manage the homelessness crisis in the County.</p>
<p>R2. The Leadership Council develop and implement a strategy for funding appropriate shelter space that addresses the needs of sub-groups within the homeless community by December 31, 2021.</p>	<p>LC</p>	<p>In Fall 2020 the CDC determined that the LC had been improperly constituted and therefore had no authority to respond to the GJ Report’s Findings or Recommendations. They said:</p> <p>“We will present the Report to the re-established [Continuum of Care] Board at the earliest date practicable to address the findings and recommendations directed to the Leadership Council.”</p> <p>Meanwhile, the CDC (lead agency for the CoC) responds to the Report “while we work to re-establish a CoC Board.”</p>	<p>The Grand Jury recognizes that the Leadership Council has been replaced by a new CoCB.</p>

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(R2. Continued)	CDC	<p>This Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.</p> <p>This recommendation will be discussed with the Leadership Council by December 2020, and a strategy to address this recommendation will be developed by March 2021. It will include social distancing and other COVID-19 mitigation measures.</p>	<p>As the parent agency of the LC, CDC is responding to recommendations directed at the LC. The Grand Jury acknowledges that the CDC intends to implement this Recommendation within the context of the organizational structure that emerges from the restructuring.</p>
R3. The Leadership Council adopt a plan to deal with homeless encampment emergencies by December 31, 2020.	<p>LC</p> <p>CDC</p>	<p>See Leadership Council response to R2.</p> <p>This Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.</p> <p>The Leadership Council established an Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations for homeless encampments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this work has been delayed. It is anticipated that the Ad Hoc will begin this work no later than November 2020 and make recommendations to the full Leadership Council in Spring 2021. In the meantime, the County is actively using the Interim Encampment Policy and response efforts for revision and refinement.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that the CDC intends to implement this Recommendation within the context of its restructuring.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R4. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors develop a funding source for consistent and predictable funding of homeless programs by December 31, 2021.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This Recommendation requires further analysis.</p> <p>During the FY 2020-2021 budget hearings, the BOS committed to funding additional CDC staff for three years. These new positions are fully funded by the BOS and will support the work of the Homelessness unit within CDC.</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors provides funding for homeless programs and services every year. The Leadership Council has purview of funds allocated to the Continuum of Care (CoC) that assist in funding the work of the CoC to provide homeless services.</p> <p>We agree consistent funding is necessary: however, state and local funds can be unreliable. Additional federal or private sector funds would support the work of the CDC.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation requires further analysis. The Grand Jury recognizes that allocating general fund monies on an annual basis fails to provide the necessary consistency for successful planning and programming.</p> <p>The Grand Jury notes that, although the BOS response references the LC, that entity has been disbanded. (See R2 - Responses and Observations)</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R5. The Department of Health Services and Community Development Commission remain under single leadership.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This Recommendation requires further analysis.</p> <p>DHS and CDC recognize the benefit of operating under single leadership, which allows for improved program outcomes, better alignment of strategic direction, and efficient use of resources for both organizations. Programmatic benefits are realized by coordinating services and programs. It is clear that holistic and integrated service delivery is important to meet the needs of chronically homeless people and that administrative efficiencies are also achieved through economies of scale.</p> <p>The BOS has directed the County Administrator’s Office to hire a consultant who will conduct a feasibility study and recommend an appropriate organizational structure to manage the homeless work within the County.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges this Recommendation requires further analysis. The Grand Jury recognizes that the BOS is studying this issue.</p>
<p>R6. The County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors direct the County Administrator to develop a methodology for tracking all costs of homeless services and programs across County agencies by June 30, 2021.</p>	<p>BOS</p>	<p>This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.</p> <p>The Strategic Planning process will include a cost analysis of local programs and projects, which will be included in a full report at the end of the calendar year. Information from that report will be used, along with other local project information, to assist in tracking homeless services costs.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes that the BOS intends to include cost analysis in its Strategic Planning process. The Grand Jury believes it is important for County program managers to be able to track the ongoing costs of homelessness across all County agencies.</p>

EMERGENCY WATER SHORTAGES IN SONOMA VALLEY

RES = Respondent DGS = California Department of General Services PS = Permit Sonoma
 SDC = Sonoma Developmental Center SW = Sonoma Water
 VOM or the District = Valley of the Moon Water District

RECOMMENDATIONS	RES.	RESPONSES	2020-2021 GJ OBSERVATIONS
<p>R1. By December 31, 2020, The Valley of the Moon Water District, City of Sonoma, and Sonoma Developmental Center initiate cooperative planning to reduce risk in emergencies, including promptly implementing ways to share existing water resources.</p>	DGS	<p>The state DGS, which is not legally required to respond, notes that the Specific Plan for SDC may address facilities that support the land uses of the Specific Plan, including water facilities. As future water uses must be vetted through the land use planning process of the Specific Plan, it would be inconsistent with state law for DGS to support a separate process to address these issues.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that the Recommendation will not be implemented.</p> <p>The Grand Jury also recognizes that all of the agencies accept the need for collaboration in the planning process to reduce risk in an emergency due to the complexities of water agency planning.</p>
	VOM	<p>The District agrees with this Recommendation. The District feels that Sonoma Water must be involved in this effort as it is currently supplying water to the SDC campus.</p>	
	City of Sonoma	<p>This Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable in terms of timeline or overall scope and approach. At this time the SDC receives its entire water supply through the Sonoma Aqueduct. There are no additional water resources to share at this time. The City is monitoring the progress of the SDC Specific Plan.</p>	
<p>R2. The Valley of the Moon Water District evaluate by November 30, 2020 whether District operation of Sonoma Developmental Center water distribution and storage facilities would offset deficiencies in emergency water for both Valley of the Moon Water District and Sonoma Developmental Center.</p>	VOM	<p>The District agrees with this Recommendation, its current plans and priority are focused on rehabilitating a number of local wells. Improved capacity of these wells will provide the quickest solution to making water available during emergencies in the short to medium term.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury recognizes the District's current issues and their plans to mitigate them. .</p>

<p>R3. The Valley of the Moon Water District and the City of Sonoma interconnect their distribution systems, and establish an agreement for sharing water during emergencies by December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>VOM and City of Sonoma</p>	<p>The City and VOM agree with this Recommendation. Plans are underway with the City for the physical interconnection between the City and the District’s distribution systems. Work is expected to begin on this project in the spring of 2021.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented. There is a need to expedite this Recommendation prior to the next fire season.</p>
<p>R4. Sonoma Water, Valley of the Moon Water District, the City of Sonoma, Permit Sonoma, and the California Department of General Services form an agreement by October 31, 2020, that potable water storage facilities at Sonoma Developmental Center shall remain active and available for shared access during emergencies.</p>	<p>DGS VOM City of Sonoma PS</p>	<p>The State (DGS) is open to utilizing excess onsite tank storage capacity on an interim basis for other parties to store their water for access during emergencies and interruptions, subject to the approval of the SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board).</p> <p>VOM agrees with this Recommendation but conditions at SDC prevent the District’s ability to achieve the desired outcome in the short term.</p> <p>The City is monitoring the activities of the SDC Specific Plan for when it can participate in plans for shared water access during emergencies.</p> <p>Permit Sonoma indicates this Recommendation requires further analysis. PS does not have authority or control over SDC’s potable water storage facilities. However in its role leading the SDC Specific Plan process, PS is committed to facilitate the best outcomes for the community and will evaluate emergency water use agreements as part of the planning process.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges this Recommendation requires further analysis.</p> <p>The Grand Jury recognizes the complexity of implementing this Recommendation through multiple agencies. The Grand Jury further recognizes the Water Resources Resiliency Plan and the SDC Specific Plan will address the needs of the community.</p>

(R4. Continued)	SW	Sonoma Water does not have jurisdiction or control over the SDC's water storage facilities. SW will continue to work on coordinated water resources planning. SW is leading the development of a Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study, anticipated to take 18-20 months to complete.	
R5. The Valley of the Moon Water District accelerate its program for expanding well capacity and water storage by December 31, 2020.	VOM	The District agrees with this Recommendation and will continue its accelerated program for the installation of new wells and tanks. This is a high priority in both its Water Master Plan and Strategic Plan.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented. The Grand Jury recognizes and values that this work is a high priority for the District.
R6. The Valley of the Moon Water District establish specific emergency water-use restrictions and communicate them to its customers by September 30, 2020.	VOM	VOM plans to implement this Recommendation with the insertion of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan to its customers on its outgoing water bills beginning September 23, 2020. In addition, the District will post on its website specific actions taken during a water shortage emergency.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.
R7. By September 30, 2020, the Valley of the Moon Water District inform customers annually, or when conditions change, regarding risks and deficiencies in the emergency water supply and any actions taken to mitigate them.	VOM	The District agrees with this Recommendation and has created a new webpage for its customers about risks and water deficiencies in the emergency water supply. The District began notifying its customers about the new webpage on outgoing bills starting September 23, 2020.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented. The Grand Jury recognizes VOM's efforts to improve communication with its customers.
R8. Permit Sonoma establish, by September 30, 2020, communication with water system managers for the City of Sonoma, the Valley of the Moon Water District, and Sonoma Developmental Center to inform the SDC Specific Plan process.	PS	This Recommendation has been implemented. PS is committed to robust and meaningful engagement with these entities and other potentially affected entities as part of the SCD Specific Plan.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented.

SONOMA VALLEY REGIONAL WATER RESOURCES

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 VOM or the District= Valley of the Moon Water District

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<p>R1. Sonoma Water, the Valley of the Moon Water District, the City of Sonoma and Permit Sonoma work with California Department of General Services to seek an agreement, by October 31, 2020, that potable water storage facilities at Sonoma Developmental Center shall remain active and available for sharing water.</p>	<p>DGS</p> <p>VOM</p> <p>City of Sonoma</p> <p>PS</p>	<p>The state (DGS), which is not legally required to respond, is open to utilizing excess onsite tank storage capacity on an interim basis for other parties to store their water for access during emergencies and interruptions, subject to the approval of the State Water Resources Control Board.</p> <p>VOM agrees with this recommendation but conditions at SDC prevent the District's ability to achieve the desired outcome in the short term.</p> <p>The City is monitoring the activities of the SDC Specific Plan and can participate actively when water options are considered.</p> <p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future. Under the current schedule for the SDC Specific Plan process, the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) is scheduled to be prepared in 2021. It is likely that VOMWD and the City of Sonoma will be involved in its preparation. PS will communicate the final WSA to both entities as soon as it is available.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented. The Grand Jury recognizes the complexity of implementing this Recommendation through multiple agencies. The Jury further recognizes that the <i>Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study</i> and the SDC Specific Plan will provide an opportunity to address water storage.</p>

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(R1. continued)	SW	This Recommendation requires further analysis. Sonoma Water does not have jurisdiction or control over the SDC's water storage facilities. SW will continue to work on coordinated water resources planning. SW is leading the development of a <i>Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study</i> , anticipated to take 18-20 months to complete.	
R2. Permit Sonoma establish, by August 31, 2020, a continuing dialog with water system managers for the City of Sonoma, the Valley of the Moon Water District, and the Sonoma Developmental Center to inform the SDC Specific Plan.	PS VOM City of Sonoma	This Recommendation has been implemented. PS is committed to robust and meaningful engagement with these and other potentially affected entities to inform the SDC Specific Plan process and to shape its outcome. The Valley of the Moon Water District agrees with this Recommendation. As of 9/2/20, the District, PS, and the City of Sonoma have engaged in meetings and ongoing discussions in order to inform the SDC Specific Plan. The recommendation has been implemented.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented. The Grand Jury acknowledges the positive steps taken in the spirit of this Recommendation.
R3. Sonoma Valley water agencies take an active role in the SDC Specific plan process, by September 30, 2020.	PS	To the extent applicable, PS has implemented this Recommendation. PS has initiated ongoing communications regarding the SDC Specific Plan process and related issues, and will continue to support and facilitate their involvement in the planning process.	The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented. The Grand Jury acknowledges the participation of the Sonoma Valley water agencies and Permit Sonoma in the SDC Specific Plan process.

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(R3. Continued)	<p>VOM</p> <p>City of Sonoma</p>	<p>The District agrees with this Recommendation. Valley of the Moon District staff will represent VOM on the SDC Specific Plan Planning Advisory Team as well as the SDC Technical Advisory Committee for the Specific Plan.</p> <p>This Recommendation has been implemented. The City will continue to monitor the SDC Specific Plan Process and participate as feasible and relevant to Sonoma.</p>	
<p>R4. Permit Sonoma communicate the results of the Water Supply Assessment to water system managers for the City of Sonoma and the Valley of the Moon Water District as soon as they become available.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>VOM</p> <p>City of Sonoma</p>	<p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future. The Water Supply Assessment (WSA) is scheduled to be prepared by 2021. The VOM and City will be consulted or otherwise involved in the preparation of the WSA. PS will communicate the final WSA as soon as it is available.</p> <p>The District agrees with this Recommendation. The District looks forward to reviewing the results of the WSA when it is made available.</p> <p>This Recommendation will be implemented in the future. The City has established communication with PS so that PS can communicate the results of the WSA.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation will be implemented.</p>

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<p>R5. The City of Sonoma and the Valley of the Moon Water District establish a mutual aid agreement that provides for ongoing cooperation on planning, services, projects and such other collaborative efforts that they deem to be to be mutually beneficial (e.g., sharing of such resources as staff, equipment and emergency water), with a copy of the mutual aid agreement to be sent to the Grand Jury by December 31, 2020.</p>	<p>VOM City of Sonoma</p>	<p>The District agrees with this Recommendation. The District and the City of Sonoma are both parties to a mutual aid agreement along with other entities. The City is currently working on engineering and bidding process for the physical interconnection between the distribution systems.</p> <p>The Recommendation has been implemented.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented. The Grand Jury acknowledges the mutual aid agreement between the VOM and the City of Sonoma has been implemented.</p>
<p>R6. The Valley of the Moon Water District and the City of Sonoma meet by October 31, 2020 to discuss the issuance of a regional 2020 Urban Water Management Plan rather than two separate ones.</p>	<p>VOM and City of Sonoma</p>	<p>The Recommendation has been implemented. The Valley of the Moon Water District and the City of Sonoma met in August to discuss combining efforts for the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). They are waiting for a revised quote from the UWMP consultant to combine the work.</p>	<p>The Grand Jury acknowledges that this Recommendation has been implemented. The Grand Jury acknowledges the collaborative effort in implementing the Recommendation.</p>

