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CITY OF  COTATI

August 13, 2021

The Honorable Bradford J. DeMeo  
Presiding Judge  
County of Sonoma, Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
600 Administration Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 94503

**Re: City of Cotati Response to 2020-2021 Final Report Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury  
*Emergency Alerts and Communications***

Dear Honorable Judge DeMeo:

On behalf of the City of Cotati (City), this letter serves as a response to the 2020-2021 Final Report of the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury. In accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Government Code, the City is responding as required to Recommendations Nos. R1, R4, R5, R15 as outlined in the Grand Jury Report section on Emergency Alerts and Communications.

**Recommendation R1:** By October 31, 2021 the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities' departments include within their Emergency Operations Plans action steps to reach all subpopulations within the County who may not otherwise receive an alert.(F4, F6, F7, F8)

**Response R1:** The City has several existing mechanisms for alerting, including coordinating with the County for issuing SoCo Alerts, directly issuing Nixle alerts, alerts over social media, and direct notifications to all water and sewer customers. Additionally, the City is currently in the process of implementing hi-low sirens on all police vehicles and is planning a multi-community test (Cotati, Rohnert Park, and Sonoma State University) during the fall of 2021.

The City will update our Emergency Operations Plan by October 31, 2021 to explicitly include action steps to reach all subpopulations within the City.

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**Recommendation R4:** By October 8, 2021, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities work together to ensure consistent naming for all evacuation maps used by the public and first responders. (F9, F10, F11)

**Response R4:** The recommendation has been implemented.

**Recommendation R5:** By October 8, 2021, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities work together to ensure the public is informed of their evacuation zones by publishing evacuation maps in local media, online, and through SoCo Emergency. (F9, F10, F11)

**Response R5:** The recommendation has been implemented.

**Recommendation R15:** By October 31, 2021, the nine cities update their Emergency Operations Plan to incorporate the most up-to-date information and lessons learned since the disasters of 2017 and post it on their websites. (F20)

**Response R15:** The City has incorporated lessons learned into the current Emergency Operations Plan, dated September 2019. However, the City will also review and make any additional updates to our Emergency Operation Plan to incorporate any additional lessons learned and update it on our website by October 31, 2021.

The City appreciates this opportunity to improve our overall community preparedness effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information concerning the above responses. You can reach me directly at 707-665-3621 or by email at [dobid@cotaticity.org](mailto:dobid@cotaticity.org).

Sincerely,



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cc: Cotati City Council