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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: What Happens When the Grand Jury Makes Recommendations?
Report Date: June 14, 2022
Response by: Tennis Wick Title: Director
Agency/Department Name: Permit Sonoma

FINDINGS: F3, F5

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: **F3, F5. See attached.**

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS: R1, R2

- Recommendations numbered: **R1 has been implemented. See attached.**
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: **R2 has been partially implemented, and will be further implemented in the future. See attached.**
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered: _____ require(s) further analysis.
(Attach 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 director 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.***)
- Recommendations numbered: _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 22 AUG 22 Signed: Tennis Wick

Number of pages attached: 3

(See attached Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

Permit Sonoma Response

What Happens When the Grand Jury Makes Recommendations?

Required Response to Findings

F3. The Recommendation that the City of Sonoma, the Valley of the Moon Water District and Sonoma Developmental Center implement plans to share existing water resources to reduce risks in emergencies was not implemented.

Permit Sonoma disagrees partially with this finding.

This finding is specific to City of Sonoma, Valley of the Moon Water District and Sonoma Development Center (SDC). Permit Sonoma does not have any jurisdiction or control over these entities. That said, Permit Sonoma has worked with the named agencies to inform the SDC Specific Plan. The draft Specific Plan and draft environmental impact report (DEIR) were released on August 10, 2022 and are available online at <https://www.sdcspecificplan.com/>. The draft Specific Plan includes the following goal and high-level policy to ensure that sharing of water resources in an emergency is addressed:

Goal 6-E. Water Supplies: Safeguard SDC's water supplies and water rights, ensuring adequate availability of water for residents, businesses, fire suppression needs, ecosystem services, and groundwater recharge.

Policy 6-27. Maintain water supply and filtration at the site and ensure adequate flexibility and supply to serve regional needs in case of an emergency.

Further, Permit Sonoma has supported Sonoma Water's efforts in the development of a Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study and a decision support framework model that considers regional and local water supply sources and infrastructure and enables the simulation of emergency water supply shortages, which will serve as an important tool for emergency water sharing planning.

Permit Sonoma will continue to work with these entities on coordinated and resilient regional water resources planning and it is expected that a more detailed outline of emergency water sharing would occur after adoption of the SDC Specific Plan.

F5. The future sources of water for the Sonoma Developmental Center property are undetermined at this time.

Permit Sonoma disagrees partially with this finding. Permit Sonoma is in the process of developing a Specific Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report for SDC. As part of this process, Valley of the Moon Water District has prepared a Water Supply Assessment which was adopted on July 12, 2022. The Water Supply Assessment identifies on-site surface water resources for serving future development on the SDC property.

Required Response to Recommendations

R1. By September 30, 2022, Permit Sonoma, Sonoma Water, the Valley of the Moon Water District, and the City of Sonoma Water Department meet to ensure that in any SDC Specific Plan, the water resources of the site are utilized for any future development with limited reliance on water from the Sonoma Aqueduct. (F5)

Recommendation 1 is being implemented.

Permit Sonoma, Sonoma Water and Valley of the Moon Water District staff have been meeting to discuss the Water Supply Assessment (which has now been adopted by the Valley of the Moon District Board of Directors). The Water Supply Assessment identifies sufficient water resources on-site to serve the level of future development being considered for the SDC Specific Plan area. Sonoma Water staff have provided input to Permit Sonoma on development of the Specific Plan and associated Environmental Impact Report.

The draft Specific Plan and draft environmental impact report (DEIR) were released on August 10, 2022 and are available online at <https://www.sdcspecificplan.com/>. The draft Specific Plan includes the following goal and policies to ensure that onsite water resources are used for future development and to limit reliance on other water sources by requiring recycled water during construction:

Goal 6-E. Water Supplies: Safeguard SDC's water supplies and water rights, ensuring adequate availability of water for residents, businesses, fire suppression needs, ecosystem services, and groundwater recharge.

Policy 6-26. Ensure the SDC site's water rights are retained for uses within the core campus and for habitat preservation, ecological services, groundwater recharge in the open space area, and to increase the reliability of the regional water supply.

Policy 6-28. Use water from SVCSD's Recycled Water Trucking Program for construction site activities, including dust control, cement mixing, soil compaction, to the greatest extent feasible.

Discussions between the agencies will continue as needed as the County responds to comments on the DEIR and brings the draft Specific Plan forward for consideration. The agencies meet again on August 18, 2022. The Sonoma County Planning Commission and then Board of Supervisors are expected to hold hearings on the draft Specific Plan and EIR before the end of the calendar year.

R2. By September 30, 2022, Permit Sonoma, Sonoma Water, the Valley of the Moon Water District, and the City of Sonoma Water Department meet to ensure that a SDC Specific Plan includes an outline for the sharing of water resources of the site during emergencies. (F3)

Recommendation R2 has been partially implemented and will be further implemented in the future. The draft Specific Plan and draft environmental impact report (DEIR) were released on August 10, 2022 and are available online at <https://www.sdcspecificplan.com/>. The draft

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Goal 6-E. Water Supplies: Safeguard SDC's water supplies and water rights, ensuring adequate availability of water for residents, businesses, fire suppression needs, ecosystem services, and groundwater recharge.

Policy 6-27. Maintain water supply and filtration at the site and ensure adequate flexibility and supply to serve regional needs in case of an emergency.

Based on discussions between Permit Sonoma and Sonoma Water, we expect that a more detailed outline of emergency water sharing would occur after adoption of the SDC Specific Plan. All named parties are in the process of scheduling additional meetings to discuss regional water supply planning issues. The agencies meet again on August 18, 2022. The Sonoma County Planning Commission and then Board of Supervisors are expected to hold hearings on the draft Specific Plan and EIR before the end of the calendar year.

Further, Permit Sonoma supports Sonoma Water's efforts in the development of a Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study and a decision support framework model that considers regional and local water supply sources and infrastructure and enables the simulation of emergency water supply shortages, which will serve as an important tool for emergency water sharing planning.