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Honorable Charles W. Campbell, Jr.
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800 South Victoria Avenue
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Re: **Response to the 1998 Grand Jury Recommendations**

Dear Judge Campbell

Although not specifically required by the 1998 Grand Jury Report, following are our comments to recommendations that make reference to the Auditor-Controller's Office:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES ON COUNTY BEACHES

Recommendation: "That an audit be made to identify these assets and assign jurisdictional responsibility." (Grand Jury Report, page 16.)

Auditor-Controller's Response: We will consider doing an audit as recommended after the Board of Supervisors has assigned the beaches to a specific County department.

B. VENTURA COUNTY PARKS

Recommendation: "That the Auditor-Controller prepare a comprehensive audit of the Parks Department to reflect the actual annual revenue and expenses of each park." (Grand Jury Report, page 79.)

Auditor-Controller's Response: The Parks operations are currently scheduled to be evaluated by the County's Performance Review Committee. If the Committee decides not to review the Parks operations, we will consider doing the audit as recommended.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 654-3113.

Sincerely,

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Auditor-Controller

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cc: M.L. "Lin" Koester, Chief Administrative Officer

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The Honorable Charles W. Campbell
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Dear Judge Campbell:

The Board and staff of the Camarillo Health Care District (CHCD) have carefully reviewed the overview report of the Grand Jury's County Services Special District Committee. It was evident from the accurate and detailed summation, that much time and careful thought was put forth by the committee. Please extend our gratitude to the Grand Jury for providing us with such an invaluable document.

Plans continue to be underway for the District's implementation of all of the Grand Jury's recommendations as follows:

✓ **Recommendation:** *"Develop a strategic plan specifying long term capital objective(s) and goals."*

Action: Since December, the District has been working with Glenn Reiter, Reiter-Lowry-Consultants, of San Diego (please see enclosed resume.) Mr. Reiter is considered a state-wide expert in assisting special districts with long term financial strategic planning, and is working with us on developing our plan.

✓ **Recommendation:** *"That CHCD establish definitive guidelines in the accumulation and use of its cash reserve fund."*

Action: Part of the above named plan development with Glenn Reiter includes the identification of specific areas of need for reserve funds. These areas of need include capital replacement and disaster mobilization plans, in cooperation with the City of Camarillo and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, to name a few.

✓ **Recommendation:** *“To clarify conflicting data, CHCD annually set forth in its publications, the per capita tax contributions of property owners.”*

Action: It is the plan of the District to develop a special end of the fiscal year annual report to the community. The report will not only contain residents’ per capita tax contribution, but all revenue and expenses of the District, by category. This “report card” will also include the specific services and programs rendered to District residents and the number of unduplicated clients served for the fiscal year.

✓ **Recommendation:** *“That CHCD continue to reach out to a greater and more diversified segment of the population.”*

Action: The District continues to be committed to pursuing collaborative efforts to meet the health and wellness needs of all segments of the community, as demonstrated by the collaborative efforts with:

- The Oxnard Union High School District, regarding the District’s programs and services to the high school population;
- The local elementary school districts for the provision of disaster assistance;
- Christians Acting Together (CAT) to assist economically deprived families with their nutrition needs;
- The County to be of assistance in the area of transportation and child care to meet the needs of District residents regarding welfare reform efforts (CalWORKS);
- The Ventura County Medical Center administration concerning the feasibility of establishing a Camarillo-based, health care clinic for residents, primarily outreaching to the medically under-served and under-represented population; and
- The California State University, Channel Islands campus regarding student health services, transportation, child and elder care services.

It is our hope that this summary of the Camarillo Health Care District’s plans regarding the implementation of the Grand Jury’s recommendations will assure you that we are continuing our efforts to provide the highest level of services, accountability measures, and fiscal responsibility of our constituents and taxpayers.

Once again, please extend our gratitude to the members of the Grand Jury for their hard work and our continued best wishes throughout their tenure.

Sincerely yours,

Lin Hollinger, President
Board of Directors

cc: Donald Thibeault, Foreman
Ventura County Grand Jury