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DATE: September 12, 2007

MEMO TO: John F. Johnston, County Executive Officer

FROM:  Del Tompkins, Deputy Executive Officer

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 06 – Ventura County: Disaster Evacuation Planning

Below please find responses prepared on behalf of the Board of Supervisors related to Recommendations R-01 through R-08 and R-10 through R-12 of the Grand Jury's Report No. 06 – Ventura County: Disaster Evacuation Planning.

**R-01** *VC OES and the VCDC should work with the ten cities in the County to facilitate development of coordinated and integrated emergency evacuation plans for each of these communities. These plans should include how the public and emergency service providers are to be informed of an alert and what their responses should be. These local plans need to recognize that the VC OES is the chief disaster coordinator in the County; the plans need to be readily available to the public.*

Response: Concur with response of Sheriff, dated August 8, 2007.

**R-02** *The VCDC should decide whether to maintain the fixed-point warning sirens that currently exist near the Casitas and Piru Dams.*

Response: The VCDC met on September 5, 2007 and approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider the disestablishment and decommissioning of the Casitas Dam Warning system. Board action on the system is pending and awaiting presentation of the VCDC's recommendation.

**R-03** *If the VCDC decides to maintain the warning siren system, adequate maintenance funds need to be allocated and an agency should be identified that will be responsible for siren operational maintenance and testing.*

Response: See R-02

**R-04** *The County should install evacuation route signage along all dam spill paths.*

Response: Will be referred to VCDC for consideration and recommendation.