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Mr. David Gale, Foreman  
Ms. Donna Gaier, Grand Jury Review Chair  
Ventura County Grand Jury  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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Report Title: Special Property Tax Assessments – follow up responses

Report Date: May 3, 2011

Response by: Christine L. Cohen

Title: Auditor-Controller

As request by your email of November 2, 2011, we are providing the following update to our responses for the Grand Jury 2010-2011 Report entitled "Special Property Tax Assessments."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R-01: "The Grand Jury recommends that the AC and T-TC place a Special Assessment link on their respective websites. This link should point to information that explains the Special Assessment process from initial through placement on the Property Tax Bill, as well as Special Property Tax Bill assessment information."

In response to the Grand Jury's report, we have begun to prepare a document for posting to our website that provides an explanation of each special assessment. We will address the development of a process flow for posting to our web site after the completion of the special assessment inventory document, which is expected by February 2012.

- R-02: "The Grand Jury recommends that the AC and T-TC website addresses, and the AC Helpline telephone number, be placed on the Property Tax Bills."

The Tax Collector documented his intention to include that office's website address on the property tax bills. No further action is required by our office.

Date: 11/16/2011

Signed: 

cc: Michael Powers, County Executive Office  
Steven Hintz, Treasurer Tax-Collector