

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Independent Special Districts

Report Date: April 26, 2018

Response by: **Tony L. Stafford** Title: **General Manager**

### FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings/conclusions numbered: R-04 (in part). See attachment.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings/conclusions numbered: C-02, C-03, R-04 (in part). (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings/conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.) See attachment.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-04 (in part) have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)
- Recommendations number N/A have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a time frame for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: 6-19-18

Signed: Tony Stafford

Number of pages attached: 1

**Ventura County 2017-2018 Grand Jury  
Independent Special Districts  
Camrosa Water District's Response to Grand Jury  
Report Form Attachment**

**We agree with the following findings/conclusions and updated our website on May 25, 2018, with the corresponding links:**

**R-04.** The Grand Jury recommends every independent special district in the County have a website.

Key components should include:

- Governance structure of the district, including election information and the process for constituents to run for board positions:

**Offices up for Election:** <https://www.camrosa.com/public-info/#transparency>

**Candidate filing:** <https://www.camrosa.com/public-info/#transparency>

- Most recent Municipal Service Review, and the most recent annual financial report provided to the State Controller or a link to this information on the State Controller's website:

**LAFCO Municipal Services Review:** <https://www.camrosa.com/public-info/#transparency>

**State Controller's By the Numbers Review:** <https://www.camrosa.com/financial-information/#CAFR>

- Link to LAFCO: <https://www.camrosa.com/public-info/#transparency>

**We disagree wholly or partially with the following findings/conclusions, as the corresponding links were available on our website prior to the release of the Grand Jury Report:**

**C-02.** The Grand Jury concluded that the absence of publicly available reserve policies and practices does not serve the public interest. (FA-04, FA-08)

**Camrosa's policies and practices are available on our website:** <https://www.camrosa.com/financial-information/#FinancialPolicies>

**C-03.** The Grand Jury concluded the independent special districts should better articulate the need for and the size of their reserves by adopting explicit policies for reserve funds. These policies should be readily available for public review. (FA-04, FA-08)

**Camrosa's financial policies are available on our website:** <https://www.camrosa.com/financial-information/#FinancialPolicies>

**R-04.** The Grand Jury recommends every independent special district in the County have a website.

Key components should include:

- Name, location, contact information, and services provided: <https://www.camrosa.com/about/>
- Governance structure of the district, including election information and the process for constituents to run for board positions:

**Governance:** <https://www.camrosa.com/about/#board-of-directors>

- Compensation details including staff salaries, pensions, and benefits, or a link to this information on the State Controller's website: <https://www.camrosa.com/public-info/#transparency>
- Annual revenues and the sources of such revenues, including fees, property taxes and other assessments, bond debt, expenditures, and reserve amounts: <https://www.camrosa.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/final-budget-2017-18.pdf>

Reserve fund policy: <https://www.camrosa.com/financial-information/#FinancialPolicies>

- Geographic area served: <https://www.camrosa.com/about/>

(C-02, 0-03)