

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Independent Special Districts

Report Date: April 26, 2018

Response by: Steven E. Wickstrum Title: General Manager

FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS


- I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered: C-02, C-03.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings / Conclusions numbered:

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings / Conclusions that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Date: 6/20/2018

Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 1

Pursuant to California Penal Code section 933.05(b), the Casitas Municipal Water District is responding as follows:

R-4 The Grand Jury recommends independent special district in the County have a website.

Key components should include:

- Name, location contact information and services provided
 - District response: This information was posted on Casitas' website (<https://www.casitaswater.org/>) prior to the release of the report.
- Governance structure of the district, including election information and the process for constituents to run for board
 - District response: This information on the district's website will be improved by July 1, 2018, to include the governance structure and board election information, including a link to the Ventura County elections office.
- Compensation details including staff salaries, pensions, and benefits, or a link to this information on the State Controller's website
 - District response: The district's website does provide a link to the State Controller's website, where the above information can be obtained by the public.
- Annual revenues and the sources of such revenues, including fees, property taxes and other assessments, bond debt, expenditures, and reserve amounts
 - District response: The district's appropriation limits, comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Current Board Approved Budget, Investment Policy, monthly Financial Statements, Treasurer's Investment Reports, Water Rates, and Rates and Regulations are posted on the district's website. (<https://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=finance>)
- Reserve fund policy
 - District response: The Reserve Policy was posted on the district's website on June 19, 2018. (<https://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=finance>)
- Geographic area served
 - District response: The District's website does provide maps of the service area (<https://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=board-of-directors>) and the detailed boundaries of each Board member.
- Most recent municipal 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
 - District response: The District's website does provide the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports, from 2002 to 2017. (<https://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=annual-financial-reports>)
- Link to LAFCO
 - District response: A link to LAFCO was posted on the District's website on June 19, 2018. (<https://www.casitaswater.org/lower.php?url=finance>)