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### RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT ON INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Please find attached Triunfo Sanitation District's (TSD's) response to the Grand Jury's letter request dated 5/10/2018. TSD concurs with the Grand Jury's transparency goals and following receipt of your letter has taken the additional steps based on the Grand Jury's recommendations to further ensure transparency to our constituency.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (805) 658-4621 or by email at MarkNorris@vrsd.com.

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# **Response to Grand Jury Report Form**

Report Title: Independent Special Districts
Report Date: April 26, 2018
Response by: Mark Norris Title: General Manager
FINDINGS / CONCLUSIONS
• I (we) agree with the findings / conclusions numbered:
• 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
<ul> <li>Recommendations numbered <u>R-04</u> have been implemented.</li> <li>(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions and date completed.)</li> </ul>
• Recommendations number 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: 6/7/18 Signed: // Mulli-
Number of pages attached:2

## **VENTURA COUNTY 2017-2018 GRAND JURY**

## **Independent Special Districts**

# Triunfo Sanitation District's Response to Grand Jury Report Form Attachment

#### Recommendations

**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
  - o **District response**: This information is accessible via the Home page of the District's website *http://www.triunfosanitation.com/* and was available prior to release of the report.
- Governance structure of the district, including election information and the process for constituents to run for board positions
  - O **District response**: This information is on the Board of Directors page of the District's website <a href="http://www.triunfosanitation.com/board-of-directors">http://www.triunfosanitation.com/board-of-directors</a> and was available prior to release of the report
- Compensation details including staff salaries, pensions, and benefits, or a link to this information on the State Controller's website
  - o District response: This information is in two places on the Board District's website Directors page of the http://www.triunfosanitation.com/board-of-directors and was available prior to release of the report. Upon review of the report, a section titled "Transparency" was added to the Public Information the website page http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information, and the link to the State Controller's website was placed there in addition to the original link on the Board of Director's page.
- Annual revenues and the sources of such revenues, including fees, property taxes and other assessments, bond debt, expenditures, and reserve amounts

O **District response**: This information is located on the Public Information page of the District's website <a href="http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information">http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information</a> and was available prior to release of the report. The District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and the Fiscal Year Budgets are listed under "Financial".

### Reserve fund policy

O District response: Upon review of the report, the Reserve Level Policy was uploaded onto the District's website, on the Public Information page, under "Financial": http://www.triunfosanitation.com/images/2017-0724\_Reserve\_Level\_Policy.pdf

### Geographic area served

- O District response: A written description of the service area is on the Home page of the District's website, and a map of the service area is located on the "About Us" page <a href="http://www.triunfosanitation.com/images/pdf-files/TSD\_Service\_Area\_Map\_10-5-17.pdf">http://www.triunfosanitation.com/images/pdf-files/TSD\_Service\_Area\_Map\_10-5-17.pdf</a> and was available prior to release of the report.
- 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
  - O **District response**: Upon review of the report, links to the applicable Municipal Service Review and to the State Controller's website were added to the Public Information page of the District's website: <a href="http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information">http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information</a>.

### Link to LAFCO

O District response: Upon review of the report, a link to the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission was added to the Public Information page of the District's website: http://www.triunfosanitation.com/public-information