

August 7, 2018

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County of Ventura  
Board of Supervisors  
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Ventura, CA 93009

**Shawn Atin**  
Assistant County Executive Officer/  
Human Resources Director  
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**Subject:** Approval of Responses to the 2017-2018 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports, Entitled "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees", "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4", for Submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Accordance with State Statute

Recommendations:

It is recommended that your Board approve the Responses to the 2017-2018 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports, entitled "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees" (Exhibit 1), "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4" (Exhibit 2) pertaining to County Government under your Board's control for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in accordance with State Statute

Discussion:

Penal Code §933.05 requires that your Board comment on the Findings and Recommendations of the Grand Jury pertaining to County government under your authority.

The 2017-18 Grand Jury issued a report on April 19, 2018 entitled, "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees." The Grand Jury required a response from your Board which was prepared on your behalf by the County Executive Office for your approval. Responses were also required from the Auditor-Controller and District Attorney, however as elected officials these officials submit responses directly to the Presiding Judge and their responses are provided here only for informational purposes as your Board's approval is not required. The responses are attached as **Exhibit 1**

The 2017-18 Grand Jury issued a report on May 10, 2018 entitled, "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4." The Grand Jury required a response from your Board, which was prepared on your behalf by the County Executive Office for your approval and is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

The responses pertaining to County government under your control will serve as your Board's response to the subject 2017-2018 Grand Jury Reports to be filed as indicated in the recommended action along with any additional comments your Board may wish to make.

If your Board elects to amend a response prepared on your behalf to the subject reports before you for approval, then CEO staff, at your direction, will make such changes or additions prior to submitting the response to the Presiding Judge.

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This letter was reviewed by County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mike Pettit at 654-2864 or Kathleen Van Norman at 654-2566.

Sincerely,



*m.p.*  
Michael Powers  
County Executive Officer

Attachment:

- Exhibit 1 – Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"
- Exhibit 2 – Response to Grand Jury Report "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4"
- Exhibit 3 – Auditor/Controller Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"
- Exhibit 4 – District Attorney Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"



**BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,  
KELLY LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN C. ZARAGOZA  
August 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - Approval of Responses to the 2017-2018 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports, Entitled "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees", "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4", for Submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Accordance with State Statute.**

- (X) All Board members are present, except Supervisor Long is absent.
- (X) The following persons are heard: Mike Pettit.
- (X) The following documents are submitted to the Board for consideration:
  - (X) Board Letter
  - (X) Exhibit 1 — Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"
  - (X) Exhibit 2 — Response to Grand Jury Report "Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4"
  - (X) Exhibit 3 — Auditor/Controller Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"
  - (X) Exhibit 4 — District Attorney Response to Grand Jury Report "Ventura County Use of Vehicle Registration Fees"
  - (X) Comment letter from Robert Chatenever
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Zaragoza, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves recommendations as stated in the Board letter.

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the document which is on file in this office.

Dated: 8/15/18 **MICHAEL POWERS**  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura, State of California

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Ventura County  
Grand Jury **EXHIBIT 2**

**FY 2017-2018 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT**

**RESPONSES TO FINDINGS (FI)/CONCLUSIONS (C) AND RECOMMENDATIONS (R)**

<b>Report Number (&amp; Date)</b>	<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Respondents (With FI, C and R)</b>
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**REPORT NO. 01 May 10, 2018**

Title: **SEABRIDGE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 4**

Requested  
Respondent: **Ventura County Board of Supervisors**  
(C-01, C-04, R-01)

## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Seabridge Community Facilities District No. 4

Report Date: May 10, 2018

Response by: Robert Bravo

Title: Program Management Analyst

### FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

- I (we) agree with the findings/conclusions numbered: C-01
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings/conclusions numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
*(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)*
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
*(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)*
- Recommendations numbered \_\_\_\_\_ require further analysis.  
*(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)*
- Recommendations numbered R-01 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
*(Attach an explanation.)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CONCLUSIONS**

**C-01. The Grand Jury concluded there is no expenditure within the Channel Islands Harbor Patrol's budget related to the \$100,000 charged by the County annually to CFD No. 4.**

**Response: Agree**

The \$100,000 charge is not related to services provided to Seabridge by Harbor Patrol. However, the Harbor Department incurs a significant amount of cost to maintain the Harbor's waterways and amenities and to mitigate boat traffic impacts from Seabridge residents. (FA-03, FA-04, FA-05)

**C-04. The Grand Jury concluded the City is collecting assessments from Seabridge residents for dredging services already provided by the Corps without charge. (FA-14, FA-15)**

**Response: Partially Disagree**

The conclusion is accurate, in that the dredging services have to date been provided by the Army Corps of Engineering without charge to the City or County. However, there is no guarantee of future Federal funding. It is the County's understanding that the City maintains some level of reserve funds against potential future expense, and that the level of reserve is set through reserve studies conducted by outside consultants. The County makes every effort and expends considerable resources to support ongoing Federal budget allocations for this work.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R-01. The Grand Jury recommends the Ventura County Board of Supervisors consider directing the County CEO to ensure that Channel Islands Harbor Patrol budgets clearly explain the expenditure of \$100,000 charged annually to CFD No. 4. (C-01)**

**Response: Will not be implemented**

Conclusion C-01 is accurate, in that the \$100,000 charge does not represent a specific budget item. As stated in the Seabridge MOU (Settlement Agreement), this is the agreed amount as was negotiated through this Settlement Agreement for the added value of the Channel Islands Harbor waterways and amenities to the Seabridge project, as well as partially compensating for the impact on the Harbor of additional boat traffic generated from the Seabridge development. Because the amount is not a reimbursement of a particular expense, there is no specific budget item to allocate it against. However, the Harbor Department incurs a significant amount of cost to maintain the Harbor's waterways and amenities and to mitigate boat traffic impacts from Seabridge residents.