



COUNTY *of* VENTURA

Grand Jury

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This response was given using the 2020-2021 Ventura County Grand Jury Report form. The form should have reflected the Ventura County Grand Jury Report form 2021-2022.

We regret any confusion this may cause.

Sincerely,

Keith Frost
Foreperson
Ventura County Grand Jury (2022-2023)



City of Port Hueneme

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Response to Report Title: "Cybersecurity of Water Providers in Ventura County"

FINDINGS: We disagree wholly or partially with Findings numbered F-08.

"The Grand Jury finds that there is insufficient awareness among public water providers of available government expert cybersecurity services and support for water providers systems."

City of Port Hueneme Water Department response: Public water providers with over 3,300 people or provides 3,000-acre feet are required by the EPA America Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 complete a Risk and Resilience Assessment. AWIA requires an Emergency Response Plan which includes Cybersecurity planning to prepare for a Cyber Incident. Government sources such as State Police, National Guard Cyber Division, as well as the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) can provide assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendations numbered R-01, R-03, and R-06 have been implemented. The City of Port Hueneme Water Department completed a Risk and Resilience Assessment along with updating the Emergency Response Plan in 2021. R-02 and R-04 have been implemented in coordination with other water providers and AWAVC. R-05 has been implemented with the City of Port Hueneme's Information Technology Department.



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Response to 2020-2021 Ventura County Grand Jury Report Form (Please See California Penal Code Section 933.05)

Report Title: Cybersecurity of Water Providers in Ventura County

Responding Entity: City of Port Hueneme Public Works Department

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered: F-01, F-02, F-03, F-04, F-05, F-06, F-07, F-09
- I (we) disagree partially with the Findings numbered: F-08

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01, R-02, R-03, R-04, R-05, and R-06 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendation numbered N/A have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a summary indicating the timeframe for implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation to include: scope and parameters of the analysis or study and timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion with the agency or department head. The timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the report.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: August 29, 2022

Signed: 

Title: Don Villafana - Public Works Director, P.E.

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