

July 21, 2009

Mr. Don Kawashima, Foreperson  
Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

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Subject: Santa Clara County Grand Jury Report Regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District

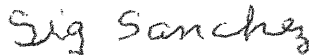
Dear Mr. Kawashima:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) has completed its review of the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Final Reports, Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 all of which were dated June 16, 2009. Our specific responses to the reports' findings and recommendations are attached.

After careful review of the findings and recommendations, the District finds points of agreement and points of disagreement. As the information in the Grand Jury's final reports has already received public exposure, we request that the attached District responses be posted on the Grand Jury's web site along with the Grand Jury final reports. In addition, the Board requests that information be provided about the references relied upon in development of the reports. We note that in prior years, each Grand Jury report included a list of reference sources, including documents site visits, and interviewees, relied upon by the Grand Jury. We find this kind of information useful and request that it be provided to us.

As it is the District's intent to be accountable and transparent, we appreciate and welcome external review. The Board recognizes that a review of this nature requires both commitment and dedication and would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their review of District operations.

Sincerely,

  
Sig Sanchez  
Chair/Board of Directors

Attachments  
cc: Board of Directors (7), B. Goldie  
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