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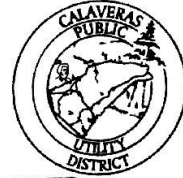


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The Honorable Grant Barrett
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400 Government Center Drive
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Re: Response to 2014-15 Grand Jury Report

In accordance with the California Penal Code Section 933(a) the Calaveras Public Utility District submits the following response to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report – Calaveras County Public Water and Oversight of Calaveras County’s Water Providers.

Calaveras County Public Water

Grand Jury Finding 2 – Recommendation:

The Grand Jury recommends that Environmental Health Department (EHD) and public water companies coordinate in developing and maintaining data regarding failing wells. In additions, both entities should also develop long term plans for extended drought conditions.

Response:

The Calaveras Public Utility District (CPUD) disagrees with the recommendation regarding developing well data. The CPUD delivers surface water and only maintains records for customers using it’s public water supply system, and has limited information on privately owned wells. Development of such a program should be looked into by County agencies that presently monitor and regulate wells within the County. The EHD and public water companies can work in the coordination of the data if information is available from agencies that would be able to provide information.

The public water agencies and EHD recently coordinated in the establishment of the Calaveras Conserves group which meets routinely to discuss current and future drought concerns countywide.

Grand Jury Finding 3 – Recommendation 1:

The Grand Jury recommends the water companies publish quarter updates regarding the management of the Ground Water Sustainability Acts.

Response:

The Calaveras Public Utility District (CPUD) has no ground water sources that would require regulation of the GWSA.

Recommendation 2:

Response: Not required by CPUD

Grand Jury Finding 4 – Recommendation 1:

The Grand Jury recommends that a portion of the funds from property taxes be placed in a fund for future expansion of infrastructure and financial assistance for property owners with failed wells.

Response:

We don't see the need for development of such funding apportionment and it would be very difficult to establish and coordinate with each agency. Each agency is responsible for its own infrastructure replacement funds and methodology for applying these formulas.

Oversight of Calaveras County's Water Providers

Grand Jury Findings 1 – Recommendation:

The Grand Jury recommends that all six public water companies submit a quarterly budget report to the Board of Supervisors.

Response:

The Calaveras Public Utility District provides the County Assessor office a copy of the District budget annually. The District is required to provide quarterly reports to its Board of Directors for review and approval at Regular Board meetings. Providing this information quarterly is available on the District's website and could be made available upon request by the County Board of Supervisors.

Grand Jury Finding 2 – Recommendation:

The Grand jury recommends that the county promotes water conservations efforts even in periods of ample water supply. The Planning Department and the Environmental Health departments should partner with the water companies in establishing a water conservation management practice program to promote water use efficiency. For example: Promote climate appropriated landscaping to reduce water usage now and in the future.

Response:

The Calaveras Public Utility District is presently works with all the water agencies and County representatives to promote education and proactively establish programs and practices to assist in all aspects of being drought responsible. The District is also working with water agencies in preparing for future impact of rainfall and sustaining the current conservation efforts. This is a part of the continued efforts of the CalaverasConserves.com group.

In closing the Calaveras Public Utility District would like to thank those volunteers that devoted time, research and efforts into the development of the 2015/16 Calaveras County Grand Jury report.

Sincerely,



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