

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: "Cemeteries - The Place of Final Repose"

Report Date: June 24, 2022

Response by: Lynne B. Schmitz Title: Board Member

FINDINGS

- ① I (we) agree with the findings numbered: All findings
2. I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implementation actions.)
2. Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
3. Recommendations numbered R6 & R7 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 the publication of the Grand Jury report.)
4. Recommendations numbered R1 & R9 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 07/21/2022

Signed: Lynne B. Schmitz

Number of pages attached: 1

SAN MIGUEL DISTRICT CEMETERY

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CEMETERY RESPONSES FOR THE GRAND JURY

R1 – The cemetery accepts cash payments and checks. We have never had any complaints. It would not be feasible for the cemetery to have the extra expense of a credit card machine with the amount of sales made.

R6 – The cemetery does have liability insurance. The county will not pay for our liability insurance but may be able to get us a better rate. We are waiting to hear back from the county.

R7 – The cemetery board are not considered employees and don't even get enough in stipend to receive a form 1099. We are waiting for further information from the SLO County Legal Counsel for further analysis.

R9 – The cemetery has a columbium and most of the niches are available. It should have plenty of space for the foreseeable future.

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R6 – I have been in contact with Pamela Mitchell at the County. She has been exploring the options of getting insurance from the County’s insurance provider. Our current liability insurance was set to expire and had to be renewed by August 16, 2022. We are planning to get our liability insurance through the county next year if possible.

R7 – I spoke to the Deputy County Counsel, Ben Dore. He said the district does not have to withhold taxes on trustee stipends if they are not considered employees.