

July 10, 2007

The Honorable Judge Melville  
Superior Court  
312-M East Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Subject:** Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2006-07 Civil Grand Jury Report on  
"Carpinteria Valley Water District: Is Improved Direction Needed?"

Honorable Judge Melville:

Please accept the following response to the Grand Jury's report entitled "Carpinteria Valley Water District: Is Improved Direction Needed?" dated May 9, 2007. As required by the Grand Jury, responses for Finding #4 and Recommendation #3.

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**Finding #4:**

Santa Barbara County government has no direct authority over Carpinteria Valley Water District operations.

**Response:** We agree with this finding. As an independent special district, responsibility for district oversight and operations rests solely with the District's elected Board of Directors.

**Recommendation #3:**

The Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) should solicit review and comment from the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Carpinteria prior to initiation of all future major development projects.

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**Response:** Although the CVWD is an independent district, the County would, at the request of the CVWD governing board, be amenable to coordinating with the District on engineering issues within the context of the County’s available resources.

We sincerely thank the Grand Jury for their thoughtful Report and for soliciting the County’s response in helping to address Water District issues.

Sincerely,

Brooks Firestone, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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Attachment:  
Grand Jury Report: *“Carpinteria Valley Water District: Is Improved Direction Needed?”*