



City of Buellton

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The Honorable Judge James Herman
County Courthouse
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Robert May, Foreman Pro Tem
Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Honorable Judge Herman,

The following is the City of Buellton's response to your letter dated June 9, 2017, and as required under California Penal Code Section 933.05.

Findings

Finding 1: No single entity has decision or enforcement powers with Santa Barbara County to lead regional planning.

The City of Buellton agrees with this finding. However, each water purveyor has different sources of water and different needs and one entity to manage this is not reasonable or feasible. The City of Buellton has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District to implement the State mandated Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This is the appropriate level of regional oversight and ensures that we properly manage our own groundwater basin.

Sincerely

Marc P. Bierdzinski
City Manager