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Honorable Patricia Kelly
Presiding Judge
Santa Barbara Superior Court
County Courthouse
1100 Anacapa Street
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Reference: Response to Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury 2024-25 Report Titled, *Water Management in Santa Barbara County, Keep Up the Good Work*

Dear Judge Kelly:

Please find attached the Goleta Water District's response to the above-referenced Civil Grand Jury Report. As directed by the Grand Jury, all responses are provided in accordance with California Penal Code §933 and §933.05.

Sincerely,

Lauren Hanson
President

Cc: Dale Kunkel, Foreperson, 2024-25 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury

Goleta Water District
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Water Management in Santa Barbara County, Keep Up the Good Work

Finding 1

Despite community concerns about water scarcity, all of the public entities the Jury investigated that provide and manage water in Santa Barbara County have made proactive plans to fortify against future droughts and provide sufficient water necessary to support future housing growth and commerce.

The Goleta Water District agrees with this finding.

Finding 2

Despite a 2016-17 Grand Jury finding that limitations existed in coordinating water management, the Jury finds that coordination among different water management entities in the County has improved significantly.

The Goleta Water District agrees with this finding.