



SAN ANTONIO BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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The Honorable Patricia Kelly
Presiding Judge, Santa Barbara County Superior Court
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Subject: Response to 2024–2025 Grand Jury Report – “Water Management in Santa Barbara County”

To Hon. Patricia Kelly and the Members of the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury:

The Santa Barbara County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SABGSA) has reviewed the 2024–2025 Grand Jury Report titled Water Management in Santa Barbara County: Keep Up the Good Work. In accordance with California Penal Code §§933 and 933.05, we provide the following responses to the relevant findings.

Finding 1: Agree

SABGSA agrees with Finding 1 that public entities in Santa Barbara County, including SABGSA, have made proactive plans to fortify against future droughts and provide sufficient water to support future housing growth and commerce.

Finding 2: Agree

SABGSA agrees with Finding 2 that coordination among water management entities in the County has improved.

SABGSA would like to respectfully clarify that SABGSA staff were not interviewed as part of the Grand Jury’s investigation.

Please contact me at (805) 451-0841 or admin@sanantoniobasingsa.org if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bertoux".

Stephanie Bertoux, Executive Director
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