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Honorable Patricia Kelly
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**RE: Responses to 2024-2025 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Report Entitled "Water Management in Santa Barbara County, Keep
Up the Good Work"**

To The Honorable Judge Patricia Kelly:

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 (District) appreciates this opportunity to respond to certain Findings contained in the above-referenced Report as directed by the Grand Jury.

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 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 District agrees with this Finding.

Thank you for involving the District in this important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Paeter E. Garcia
General Manager