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Honorable Wendy Getty  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Solano Superior Court  
600 Union Ave  
Fairfield CA 94533

**REGARDING: County Board of Supervisors response to FY2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Report, "Solid Waste Management"**

Dear Honorable Judge Getty,

The Solano County Board of Supervisors, under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, is responding to the following findings and recommendations contained in the FY2022/23 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled: "*Solid Waste Management.*"

**Civil Grand Jury Finding 2**

In compliance with AB 939, the Board of Supervisors established the Solano County Integrated Waste Management Task Force in 1990. The County's website for the task force does not appear to be updated since 2018. Review of 24 posted Agendas between April 2015 and May 2019 indicates 11 meetings were cancelled. The most recent meeting minutes available online are from September 13, 2018 (indicating no meetings have been held in at least 4 ½ years), of which only 13 of 24 member organizations listed were present. This lack of consistent meeting reporting reduces the transparency of the Task Force activities and potentially impacts environmental safety of the County.

**Response to Finding 2**

**Department of Resource Management:** The Department partially disagrees with this finding. The web site is updated with the most recent information for the Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force has not met since September 13, 2018 and the cancellation notices through May 2019 are posted. The Task Force has not convened since that time due to conflicting schedules for member attendance to meet a quorum and challenges presented resulting from the pandemic. Further, State law requires the Task Force to meet only once every five years to assist with updates to the integrated waste management plan. The Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting Element's current review period is due to expire on December 31, 2025, with the next 15-year planning being from January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2040. The Task Force will convene again to assist in this update and the Department has scheduled the first meeting for Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield. The agenda will be posted three days prior to the meeting date on the County's [website](#).

Additionally, the Department disagrees that the lack of Task Force meetings since 2019 and before needed to assist in the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan Siting Element update negatively impacts the environmental safety of the County. Each city and the County are individually responsible for compliance with State laws related to integrated waste management, not the Task Force. Regardless of Task Force meetings, staff from the County routinely meet and coordinate with staff from all seven cities and CalRecycle to ensure each local jurisdiction maintains compliance with State integrated waste laws, thereby providing environmental protection through countywide coordination of programs related to source reduction, recycling, and composting. This includes coordination on compliance with SB 1383, the organics waste reduction law.

**Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors agrees with the Department of Resource Management's response to Finding No. 2.

### **Civil Grand Jury Recommendation 2**

Establish a standing meeting schedule for Resource Management's Integrated Waste Management Section to keep members engaged and informed. Consideration be given to meeting on a semi-annual or annual basis, at a minimum. Additionally, a current roster of members and the Task Force's update By-Laws be posted to the website for access by the public.

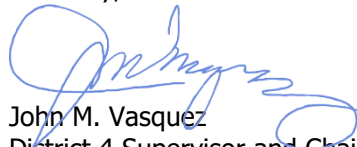
### **Response to Recommendation 2**

**Department of Resource Management:** This recommendation will be fully implemented on September 21, 2023 with the Task Force's scheduled meeting as discussed above. Subsequent Task Force meetings will then be held in accordance with their approved by-laws, which are now posted, along with the current member [roster](#).

**Board of Supervisors:** The Board of Supervisors agrees with the Department of Resource Management's response to Recommendation No. 2 and confirms the recommendation has been fully implemented.

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, we would like to thank the Solano County Civil Grand Jury for their time and attention to County processes and operations. Thank you for the opportunity to address your findings and recommendations – and for your work and contributions to the overall success of Solano County in services to our residents.

Sincerely,



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