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Sent via email (cdclower@solano.courts.ca.gov)

Honorable Judge Wendy Getty  
Solano County Civil Grand Jury  
Hall of Justice  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

RE: City of Benicia Response to 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Report, “Solano County Wastewater Treatment Plants”

Dear Honorable Judge Getty:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations, received on June 20, 2023. This letter shall serve as the City of Benicia’s response in accordance with Penal Code section 933.05 to the Solano County Grand Jury report entitled “Solano County Wastewater Treatment Plants Report” as approved by the Benicia City Council on August 15, 2023.

#### RESPONSE TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINDING 1. The Benicia Wastewater Treatment Plant depends on the city's electrical supply, as it does not have plans to install renewable energy sources. In the event of a citywide electrical blackout, staff stated the plant can operate for up to thirty days on gas/oil fuel, the burning of which would diminish local air quality.

RESPONSE TO FINDING 1. Partially Agree. There is no defined number of days we can run our generator on natural/propane gas during emergency power outages.

RECOMMENDATION 1. To maximize air quality of the surrounding area, continue to investigate the use of renewable energy sources to reduce fossil fuel use.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 1. The recommendation continues to be implemented.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager’s Office at 707-746-4200

Sincerely,

**MARIO GIULIANI, City Manager**

cc: Carl DuBois, 2022-2023 Solano County Grand Jury Foreperson  
City Council of the City of Benicia  
Ben Stock, City Attorney of the City of Benicia  
Kyle Ochendusko, Public Works Director