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The Honorable Steven T. Kroyer  
Presiding Judge  
County of Napa, Superior Court  
825 Brown Street  
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**SUBJECT:** Response to the Grand Jury 2009-2010 Final Report on WATER - Our Precious, Critical Resource

Dear Judge Kroyer:

The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (NCFCWCD) has reviewed the findings and recommendations contained in the 2009-2010 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report. The Grand Jury is to be commended for its work on behalf of the citizens of Napa County. This letter is intended to respond to "Recommendation Nos. 1 and 6" of the Final Report on WATER – Our Precious, Critical Resource.

### **Recommendation No. 1:**

"Municipalities within the County develop, expand and formalize agreements to provide water allocations to address catastrophic loss of water."

### **Response to Recommendation No. 1:**

The NCFCWCD concurs with Recommendation No. 1 and will continue to work closely with the cities of Napa, American Canyon, St. Helena, Calistoga, and the Town of Yountville (local agencies) to encourage cooperative and formalized agreements to provide water allocations to address catastrophic loss of water to agencies in times of emergency. The NCFCWCD manages the State Water Project and the water supplies delivered through the North Bay Aqueduct via contract with the State Department of Water Resources on behalf of the local agencies. The NCFCWCD facilitates discussions at the monthly Water Technical Advisory Committee meetings coordinated by the NCFCWCD staff with representatives from all of the local agencies in an effort to share resources whenever feasible. Many water supply agreements exist between the local agencies, but these agreements should be reviewed to determine if improved or additional formalized agreements are necessary to provide for the sharing of water resources in

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the event of a catastrophic loss of water by any of the local agencies. The NCFCWCD will review this recommendation with each city and assist in the determination if additional agreements are necessary by December 31, 2010. If additional agreements are necessary and desired by the local agencies, the NCFCWCD will assist and facilitate these agreements being developed and approved by the respective city and town councils by June 30, 2011.

**Recommendation No. 6:**

“NCFCWCD conduct a county-wide hydro-geologic groundwater survey and develop a management plan as a County priority.”

**Response to Recommendation No. 6:**

The NCFCWCD concurs with the Grand Jury’s Recommendation No. 6 that a county-wide hydro-geologic groundwater survey and groundwater management plan is necessary. However, the NCFCWCD is not the appropriate agency to conduct the hydro-geologic groundwater survey and to develop a management plan for the County. The County of Napa is the appropriate agency and is currently underway with a study that is evaluating existing groundwater data, determining additional data needs, developing a monitoring program, and developing a groundwater conditions report that will be the first steps leading to the development of a comprehensive groundwater management plan for the County of Napa. The County expects this work to be complete in September 2010 and the final report to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in September for acceptance and direction.

Thank you for your efforts in evaluating County agencies and ensuring they are all serving the citizens of the County honestly, efficiently and effectively. If you have any questions regarding the responses above, please direct them to the District Engineer, Don Ridenhour, at 259-8321 or [Don.Ridenhour@countyofnapa.org](mailto:Don.Ridenhour@countyofnapa.org). Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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