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on behalf of our citizens using an open and creative process.*

July 30, 2009

The Honorable Raymond A. Guadagni
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, California 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Bauman
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Dear Members of the Napa County Grand Jury:

Thank you for your efforts in reviewing and commenting on the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Flood Protection Sales Tax. The City of St. Helena, like the Grand Jury, does understand and value the importance of this primary revenue source to fund our community operations.

The City has been requested to respond to recommendations 2 as outlined in the report.

The City provides the following comments related to the Grand Jury findings, specifically as follows:

Finding 2. The City of St. Helena has expended no funds for design, engineering or construction on two of the three components authorized by Measure A.

The City intends to initiate design, engineering and construction on remaining components authorized by Measure A when the project currently being constructed is complete and funding is available. Where Measure A provides for additional projects in St. Helena it does not obligate the City to construct all projects.

The City response to the Grand Jury recommendations is as follows:

Recommendation 2. The City of St. Helena initiate design, engineering and construction of the remaining components authorized by Measure A.

The City agrees with this recommendation with an exception. The initial project the City took on is over a \$30 million dollar project. The City intends to initiate design,

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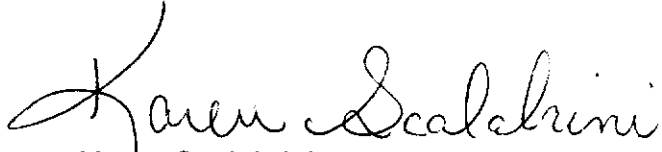
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engineering, and construction on remaining components authorized by Measure A when the initial project is complete, and funding is available. Measure A provides for additional projects in St. Helena but does not obligate the City to construct all projects.

These comments are respectfully submitted for the City of St. Helena, as approved by the St. Helena City Council at their regular meeting of August 25, 2009.

Please contact me if the Grand Jury has any questions or needs additional information from the City of St. Helena. Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon your report.



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