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The Honorable Stephen T. Kroyer  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of the State of California  
County of Napa  
825 Brown Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Clerk of the Napa Superior Court  
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Subject: Grand Jury Final Report on Water: Our Precious, Critical Resource.  
City of Calistoga Response

Honorable Judge Kroyer:

The City of Calistoga has received and reviewed the subject Grand Jury report. As requested by the Grand Jury and pursuant to the provisions of the Penal Code and applicable law, Calistoga is providing this letter to respond to Recommendations 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, and 14. The City of Calistoga generally agrees with the findings and recommendations contained within the report, so far as they pertain to the City of Calistoga, except as indicated below.

Recommendation 1:

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

Response:

We agree with the finding and recommendation, and it is already being implemented in large part. Calistoga has two sources of potable water supply – from its own Kimball Reservoir and from its share of the North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) project. The NBA water is treated to potable water standards and ‘wheeled’ to Calistoga by the City of Napa; i.e. Calistoga is a wholesale water ‘customer’ of the City of Napa. The cities of Napa and Calistoga have long-standing and formal water service agreements to implement the water supply relationship, and the arrangements are further strengthened on a regular basis through staff communication and coordination efforts. In addition, public works and water utility staff from the entire county meet monthly as a Water Technical Advisory Committee to discuss and coordinate items of mutual interest with respect to water quality and water supply reliability. Staff at the various agencies within the County also have initiated and developed projects to improve the reliability of the water supplies during regular and emergency operational periods. For example, the cities of Napa, St. Helena, and Calistoga have recently completed the first phase (a Conceptual Design and Feasibility Study) of the Dwyer Pump Station project, which would provide enhanced and more reliable distribution of potable

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