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Mr. John K. Morris
Foreperson
2009-2010 Napa County Grand Jury
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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
By: C. Brennan
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SUBJECT: Agency response to Findings and Recommendations in Grand Jury Report:
WATER: Our Precious, Critical Resource

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Board of the Napa Sanitation District (NSD) would like to thank the Grand Jury for its work in researching and preparing its report, *WATER: Our Precious, Critical Resource*. We agree entirely that access to safe, sufficient water supplies is of critical importance to the residents of our region, and we commend the Grand Jury's effort to highlight and elevate this issue in public discourse.

As part of a strategy to increase the supply and reliability of potable water, promoting the use of recycled water where appropriate and practical is good public policy. NSD supports this community goal and works with Napa County, the City of Napa and other local partners toward these means.

Since 1945, NSD has been responsible for the collection and treatment of wastewater for most of the city of Napa and some surrounding unincorporated areas. As part of its operations, NSD treats wastewater to levels that are appropriate for use as recycled water in landscape irrigation. NSD has invested over \$40 million in the necessary treatment processes and distribution infrastructure to deliver from 320 million gallons to 475 million gallons (1,000 to 1,450 acre feet) of recycled water annually to commercial and industrial customers.

Based on the Grand Jury's inquiries and research, the report makes numerous findings. As required under Section 933.05(a) of the California Penal Code, the following represents NSD's comments regarding the findings in the report.

NSD either agrees with or has no reason to disagree with all of the Findings, except for Finding #12.

NSD partially disagrees with Finding #12, which states, "As more City of Napa water customers convert to using recycled water the revenues for Napa City Water Department decline since recycled water is delivered to customers at a lower rate than potable water." It is true that if a City of Napa potable water customer converts to recycled water use for irrigation or other appropriate uses, there would be a loss of

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