

RECLAMATION DISTRICT No. 537

Post Office Box 822, West Sacramento, CA 95691

October 21, 2019

Honorable Sonia Cortes
1000 Main Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Re: *Response to Report Title: "Flood Management in the Urban Environment - Yolo LAFCO and the Role of Reclamation Districts 537 and 900 within the City of West Sacramento"*

Judge Cortes,

As requested, please see attached RD537's responses to the above referenced Grand Jury Report. The responses were reviewed and approved by the RD537 Board of Trustees at their August 14, 2019 board meeting.

We apologize for the confusion and delay in submitting our responses to the Court.

Sincerely,



Tom Ramos
RD537 Trustee

Attachments

cc: Yolo County Grand Jury

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

The governance of responses to the Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code §933 and §933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days, governing bodies (for example, the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Presiding Judge and the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Report Title: "Flood Management in the Urban Environment - Yolo LAFCO and the Role of Reclamation Districts 537 and 900 within the City of West Sacramento"

Response by: Reclamation District 537

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F6, F7, & F8

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:


RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: R1 (Attachment No.1)
have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: R2, R3, & R4 (Attachment No. 2)
require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body, where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

Recommendations numbered: N/A
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: 8/14/19 Signed


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**Attachment No. 1 to
Reclamation District No. 537 Response to Grand Jury Report**

Recommendation 1 – A website as described for Reclamation District No. 537 was established May 2019 (www.rd537.specialdistrict.org)

**Attachment No. 2 to
Reclamation District No. 537 Response to Grand Jury Report**

Recommendation 2 – Based on YLAFCo action on July 25, 2019 and statements made by the City of West Sacramento's attorney, the City Manager will have *zero* involvement in the management of a consolidated RD900. Furthermore, the area of RD537 within the City will detach and be annexed into RD900. RD537 will coordinate with the management of RD900 on this process.

Recommendation 3 – Agreed. Although RD537 will cease to have territory and operations in the West Sacramento Basin with YLAFCo's 07/25/19 actions; we will continue to have concerns for the wellbeing of the property owners we have served there. Outside oversight will be more important than ever to insure adequate flood protection is being provided.

Recommendation 4 –RD 537 believes that increasing the size of the WSAFCA Board to include public members is appropriate, but should be an increase from three (3) to five (5) members rather than seven (7). RD537 will continue to participate in the WSAFCA JPA until a potential reorganization of its membership and Board structure is unanimously agreed to and approved by the necessary agencies and the CCVFPB.