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 900

FINDINGS

X I (we) agree with the findings numbered:
1 through 4 and 6 through 8

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

X Recommendations numbered: 1 & 2 (Attachment No. 1)

have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

X Recommendations numbered: 3 & 4 (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: ___

will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: 7/24/19 Signed _____ _____

Daniel Ramos, President RD900 Board of Trustees — Kenric Jameson, General Manager/Secretary

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Attachment No. 1 to
Reclamation District No. 900 Response to Grand Jury Report

Recommendation 1 – Reclamation District No. 900 has established a website which it is working to enhance to make it more useful and transparent to the public.

Recommendation 2 – Reclamation District No. 900 would be pleased to attempt to schedule quarterly meetings with the city manager of the City of West Sacramento to discuss joint directives and goals.

Attachment No. 2 to
Reclamation District No. 900 Response to Grand Jury Report

Recommendation 3 – Reclamation District No. 900 is not opposed to Recommendation 3. However, should the alternative reorganization proposal made by Reclamation Districts 900 and 537 (to detach the city portion of RD 537 and annex that territory into RD 900, with RD 900 working with the Department of Water Resources to take over maintenance area 4) be adopted by Yolo LAFCO it would appear that revisiting the MSR/SOR for RDs 537 and 900 would be unnecessary.

Recommendation 4 – RD 900 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), with one (1) public member to be appointed by the City of West Sacramento and one (1) public member to be appointed, jointly, by RDs 900 and 537. RD 537 should remain a member of WSAFCA with one Trustee on the Board, both for continuity and to avoid the difficulty of withdrawal given the position of the California Central Valley Flood Protection Board as expressed in the Amendment to the WSAFCA Joint Powers Agreement.

To accomplish this the WSAFCA Joint Powers Agreement must be amended, which will require the unanimous agreement of the three members. This should be addressed following Yolo LAFCO's decision on the competing reorganization proposals currently before Yolo LAFCO: (i) the City of West Sacrament proposal to make RD 900 and the City portion of RD 537 subsidiary districts of the City of West Sacramento, and (ii) RD 900 and 537's alternative proposal to detach the City portion of RD 537 and annex that territory into RD 900.