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Honorable John T. Laettner Contra Costa County Grand Jury 725 Court Street Martinez, CA 94553

Re:

RD 799 Response to Civil Grand Jury Final Report

Honorable Laettner, Presiding Judge:

The following are the Reclamation District 799 Board of Trustees responses to the Grand Jury Report No. 1513 (Ralph M. Brown Act) Findings and Recommendations.

FINDINGS

1. Rodeo-Hercules Fire District, Reclamation District 799 and WCCUSD members appear not to be familiar with certain requirements of the Brown Act.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014-2015 Contra Costa County Grand Jury recommends that Reclamation District 799:

Rodeo-Hercules Fire District, Reclamation District 799 and WCCUSD should have annual training in the Brown Act for its board members and support staff.

The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with an estimated completion date of September 30, 2015. At the July 30, 2015 regular board meeting, the Board of Trustees authorized the District Secretary to register all five trustees for the CSDA webinar "Understanding the Brown Act:

Beyond the Basics" on Thursday, August 20, 2015. All five trustees were registered; four trustees completed the training but one trustee had an emergency and was unable to attend. Additionally, the District Secretary and the Office Manager attended as well. As soon as Certificates of Completion are received, they will be forwarded to the Contra Costa County Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

James Hopwood Board President