

July 20, 2016

Michael Simmons, Foreperson
2015-2016 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, California 94553-0091

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1606 – “Reclaiming Our Water”.

Dear Mr. Simmons,

This correspondence will serve as the City of Walnut Creek’s response to your May 24, 2016 letter regarding Grand Jury Report No. 1606 – “Reclaiming Our Water”.

FINDING:

F8. Contra Costa County and its cities could adopt water saving and recycling ordinances for large commercial buildings, similar to those adopted in other large urban locations such as San Francisco.

Response: The City of Walnut Creek has adopted the California Green Building Standards Code, which includes water efficiency standards for plumbing fixtures, and a Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance which limits water usage for new and replacement landscaping. Utility-provided recycled water is not delivered to Walnut Creek, and is therefore not available for use in office buildings.

RECOMMENDATION:

R6. The city should consider adopting requirements relating to the use of reclaimed water for planned communities and large commercial buildings to maximize its use.

Response: This recommendation, as it applies to recycled water, is not applicable to the City of Walnut Creek as the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) recycled water transmission lines do not yet reach Walnut Creek. With regard to the use of graywater, the City of Walnut Creek is built-out and will not see any new planned

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Very truly yours,
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Enclosed for you are the following items:

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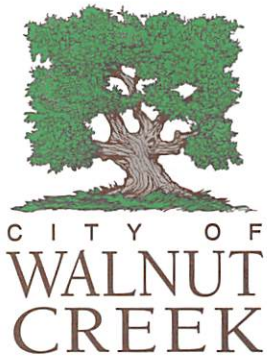
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communities, and the use of graywater is impractical for office buildings as a majority of their sewage comes from toilets and cannot be used for that purpose. However, it should be noted that in the past year the City has used approximately 54,000 gallons of recycled water collected by truck at the Central Sanitation District filling station in Martinez to irrigate City-owned landscaping.

The City Council approved this response at their July 19, 2016 regular meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Nordhoff". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ken Nordhoff City Manager