August 3, 2011

Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Members of the Grand Jury:

Enclosed is a copy of the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board of Directors’ responses to the Orange County Grand Jury’s 2010-2011 report, “Compensation Survey of Water and Sanitation Districts,” which was distributed to OCWD in June 2011.

In compliance with Penal Code 933, our responses are being sent to your attention within 90 days of the public release date, which was June 10, 2011.

A separate copy of these responses has been sent to Judge Borris under separate cover.

On behalf of OCWD, I thank the Grand Jury for their thorough examination of compensation for water and sanitation districts. OCWD strives to provide timely, accurate and accessible information that increases public confidence.

Sincerely,

Claudia Alvarez
President
Encl.
F.1: District websites often do not provide easy public access to compensation and financial data of the district, if available at all.

(a) OCWD agrees with Finding F.1.

F.2: District websites were sometimes not updated to reflect public meeting changes or cancellations.

(a) OCWD agrees with Finding F.2.

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS:

R.1: Provide in an accessible format on the district's website, data on compensation for the board of directors and general manager, as well as current budget and financial reports.

Recommendation R.1 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented within three months.

R.2: Maintain and update agendas, minutes, meeting schedules and location on the district's website.

Recommendation R.2 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented within three months.