



City of Huntington Beach

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Keith Bohr
Mayor

September 8, 2009

The Honorable Kim Dunning
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center West
Santa Ana, CA. 92701

Dear Judge Dunning:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to and address the findings and recommendations of the 2008-2009 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "**Paper Water – Does Orange County have a Reliable Future?**"

Many of the issues and concerns highlighted within the report are of a "global nature" covering areas within and outside of Orange County. Having had an opportunity to review the Municipal Water District of Orange County's response and in the interest of avoiding redundancy our responses to these findings and recommendations are given in this same spirit.

F-1: The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.
F-1(a): The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.
F-1(b): The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.

F-2: The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.
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F-2(b): The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.

F-3: The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.
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F-3(c): The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.

F-4: The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the findings.
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R-1: **The City of Huntington Beach disagrees with the findings. The City already complies with this recommendation via its Urban Water Management Plan, Water Master Plan and mandated Water Supply Assessments.**

- R-2:** Recommendation has been implemented. Reference the 2008 Golden Guardian exercise. In 2009, the City of Huntington Beach funded a full-time Water Conservation Coordinator position that works in the area of education and conservation. As an example, on August 27, 2009, we held the first of several Town Hall Meetings to discuss water supply issues as they relate to the City of Huntington Beach. Every Tuesday evening water conservation staff is available to the general public via an information booth at the very popular "Surf City Nights". The City has greatly expanded its website to also include "face book" and other forms of cyber-communication on water supply issues.
- R-3:** Recommendation has been implemented. The City of Huntington Beach has been a participant in all LAFCO proceedings on this matter and has voiced its concerns from the very onset of the original MSR. The City continues to voice its concerns, both in writing and in public comments at LAFCO Board Meetings.
- R-4:** The recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Huntington Beach agrees with the statement that each agency should pay its fair-share, and the entire County should be prepared together for any conditions. We disagree that WEROC is the proper forum to lead such discussion. We suggest a joint effort between MWDOC and OCWD spearheaded by MWDOC, with staff from both agencies and staff from member agencies to further study this recommendation. This can be completed by July 2010, if the two major water suppliers are in agreement.

Should you require any clarification or additional information, please contact Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works, at (714) 536-5437.

Sincerely,



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