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January 30, 2025

The Honorable Maria Hernandez
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

SUBJECT: Update on OC LAFCO Action Involving 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Hernandez:

On August 14, 2024, in accordance with the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) provided a response to the Orange County Grand Jury's (OCGJ) report ***Emerging Opportunities in South County Water/Wastewater Systems***. The response specifically indicated that the Commission would convene meetings of the OC LAFCO Executive Committee to study a policy for conducting a post-consolidation review and provide a report with recommended actions to the full Commission by February 1, 2025, involving the following OCGJ recommendation indicated below:

The OCGJ recommends that by January 1, 2025, LAFCO studies a policy of conducting post-consolidation agency review to be held within 24 months of agency reorganizations to determine their overall impact on the public.

Unfortunately, OC LAFCO's review and any action on this item by the timeline indicated above have been impacted by unanticipated staffing resources and competing legislative mandates. The Commission recognizes the OCGJ's effort and is committed to following through as indicated in our previous response and appropriately providing an update on respective OC LAFCO actions by early Spring.

We appreciate your understanding of this delay, and if you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me by telephone at (714) 640-5103 or by email at ltapia@oclafco.org.

Sincerely,



Luis Tapia
Assistant Executive Officer

cc: Orange County Grand Jury