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The Honorable Shelia F. Hanson
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, Orange County
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Response to the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report, *PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*

In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05(f), this letter contains the City of Brea's responses to the Orange County Grand Jury report titled *PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water*. The responses address Findings F2, F6, F8 and recommendations R4 and R5 as requested by the Grand Jury.

RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

- F2 PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports.

RESPONSE: The City of Brea does not have sufficient information about other Orange County jurisdictions to agree or disagree agree with the finding.

COMMENT: The City of Brea can respond definitively only with respect to its situation. The City does not have any potable wells in its service area. There are no monitoring results from the City to be reported in its annual Consumer Confidence Report. The State Water Resources Control Board has not required the City to complete any monitoring results because of the City's status of not having any potable wells. The City's annual Consumer Confidence Report meets all state requirements.

- F6 Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.

RESPONSE: The City of Brea does not have sufficient information about other Orange County jurisdictions to agree or disagree agree with the finding.

COMMENT: The City of Brea can respond definitively only with respect to its situation. The City's drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration.

- F8 There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange

County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers' annual water quality reports in 2025.

RESPONSE: The City of Brea does not have sufficient information about other Orange County jurisdictions to agree or disagree with the finding.

COMMENT: The City of Brea can respond definitively only with respect to its situation. The City does not have any potable wells in its service area. The City's annual Consumer Confidence Report meets all state requirements.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R4 By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public.

RESPONSE: The recommendation won't be implemented at this time.

COMMENT: The City of Brea has no potable wells in its service area. The water delivered to the City is one hundred percent import. All the water received into the City is in compliance with state and federal requirements for PFAS. The City's annual Consumer Confidence report reassures customers that the drinking water delivered to them is safe to consume.

- R5 By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety.

RESPONSE: The recommendation won't be implemented at this time.

COMMENT: The City of Brea has no potable wells in its service area. The water delivered to the City is one hundred percent import. All water received into the City is in compliance with state and federal requirements for PFAS. The City's annual Consumer Confidence Report reassures customers that the drinking water delivered to them is safe to consume.

The City of Brea values the Grand Jury's report, *PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water* and appreciates the opportunity to provide responses to the report. Should you have additional questions, please contact Rudy Correa at (714) 990-7697.

Sincerely,



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