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December 2, 2013

Mark A. Cope, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
4050 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report

Dear Honorable Mark A. Cope,

In review of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury Report: Riverside County Water and Sanitation District, Compensation and Transparency dated June 28, 2013 and I have made the following observations.

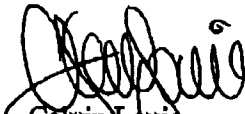
1. **(Reference page 7)** The Cabazon Water District (CWD) has dropped the word "County" from its agency's name. As of May 2012, CWD acquired the private water distribution system owned and operated by Desert Hills Premium Outlets, Simon Properties, Inc. Management Office, 48400 Seminole Drive, Suite 601, Cabazon, California 92230. This added two (2) additional production wells to the community public water system. The corrected inventory and performance of the Water District's production wells are as follows:
 - a. Well # 1 – Approximately 750 gallons per minute.
 - b. Well # 2 – Approximately 1050 gallons per minute.
 - c. Well # 3 – Off-line due to high nitrates. Sanitary capped installed.
 - d. Well # 4 – Approximately 500 gallons per minute.
 - e. Well # 5 – Approximately 500 gallons per minute.



2. **(Reference page 19)** The five (5) members of the CWD Board of Directors receive \$100.00 stipend per meeting with a maximum of six (6) meetings per month. The Board meets an average of one and a half (1.5) meetings per month. The Director's Average Annual Compensation is \$1,800.00 and not \$11,300.00 per year.
3. **(Reference page 22)** The General Manager's current compensation is \$76,227.23 per year as of May 20, 2013.
4. **(Reference page 29)** CWD currently has two (2) part-time administration staff and a meter reader that works two weeks out of the month. The General Manager oversees the daily business of the Water District and performs the duties of the Water District's only full-time California Department of Public Health (CA/DPH) certified water operator. The General Manager possesses a CA/DPH Distribution Grade 3 and Treatment 2 certificates. Beginning several years ago, the General Manager has implemented a volunteer program which includes a volunteer who possesses a CA/DPH Distribution Grade 1. This volunteer is also the back-up water operator for the Water District in the absence of the General Manager. All other support services are outsourced. Due to the limited administrative and operations personnel, coupled with a restrictive budget, it is the intention of the Cabazon Water District to revisit the cost of managing an effective and informative website accessible to the public in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget.

I hope the information provided is sufficient to provide the Riverside County Grand Jury an updated outlook of the Cabazon Water District.

Respectfully Submitted,



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General Manager