



City of Pleasant Hill

December 30, 2019

Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
P.O. Box 431
Martinez, CA 94553
Also via email to ctadmin@contracosta.courts.ca.gov

RE: City of Pleasant Hill's Response to Grand Jury Report No. 1907 "Stormwater Trash Reduction"

Dear Foreperson Granlund:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter responds to your letter dated Dec. 12, 2019, requesting that the City of Pleasant Hill resubmit our response of August 20, 2019 to include implementation dates for Recommendations #2 and #4 of the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report No. 1907, "Stormwater Trash Reduction." Implementation dates have been added as requested for those items. The original response was reviewed and authorized by the City Council at the August 19, 2019 City Council meeting. Due to holiday schedules, this response letter will be reviewed by the City Council at its first meeting in January, 2020. The City will provide any updates after the City Council review.

FINDINGS

Finding 1. The 2015 Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit requires that most of the cities, towns, and the County to take action to reduce trash discharges by 80% from 2009 baseline levels by July 1, 2019.

City Response: Agree. The City has met the 80% trash reduction goal by the July 1, 2019 deadline.

Finding 6. Both the CCCWP and LAFCO report that the unfunded federal and state mandated stormwater permit compliance programs are a challenge for cities, towns, and the County.

City Response: Agree.

Finding 9. No narrative summary of the accomplishments, challenges, costs, and funds needed to fully comply with the Permit is provided in the required annual reports prepared by the CCCWP, the County and each city and town.

City Response: Agree. The structure of the Annual Report required by the Regional Water Board as part of the current Permit does not lend itself to providing a narrative summary and does not require a breakdown of costs, challenges, and funds needed for compliance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 2. The City/Town Councils of Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Danville, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, and San Ramon should consider limiting the use of Styrofoam containers in their communities by June 30, 2020.

City Response: The recommendation requires further analysis. Staff is assessing potential statewide action on the issue and evaluating the possible impact, particularly to local businesses, of limiting the use of Styrofoam containers. The City is conducting outreach to the business community as well as the general public; this outreach includes online surveys as well as in-person interviews. Outreach and analysis will be completed and a report will be prepared with the results for future consideration by the City Council on or before March 16, 2020.

Recommendation 3. The Board of Supervisors and all City/Town Councils should consider directing staff to provide a concise summary of their Annual Reports, citing their accomplishments, challenges, costs and funds needed to fully comply with the Permit by December 31, 2019.

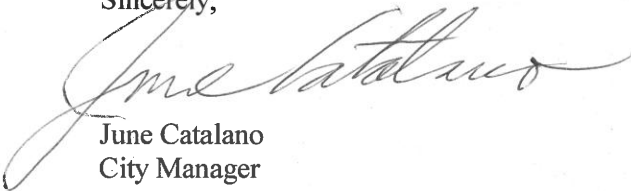
City Response: The recommendation will be implemented. City staff will provide a concise summary of the Annual Report, citing accomplishments, challenges, costs, and funds needed to fully comply with the Permit by December 31, 2019.

Recommendation 4. The Board of Supervisors and all City/Town Councils should consider identifying additional revenue sources to fully fund Permit requirements in order to comply with the Permit and avoid potential liability, by June 30, 2020.

City Response: The recommendation has been implemented. The City Council has identified the adopted Capital Improvement Program to fully fund the program to meet the needs of the Permit requirements.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information regarding the City's response at 925-671-5267.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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Attachments: Letter from Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Regarding Pleasant Hill's response to Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Report 1907