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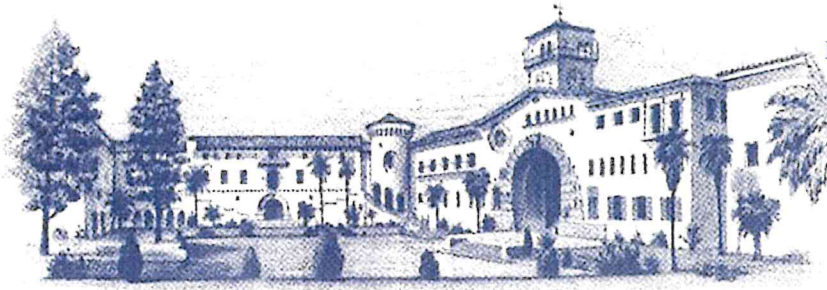
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Honorable Patricia Kelly
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Reference: Response to Santa Barbara County 2024-25 Grand Jury report titled, "Water Management in Santa Barbara County – Keep Up the Good Work"

Honorable Judge Kelly:

Please find attached the Santa Barbara County Water Agency Board of Directors' response to the above referenced Santa Barbara County 2024-25 Grand Jury Report. As directed by the Grand Jury, all responses are provided in accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code (PC). Pursuant to PC Section 933 (c) and (d), responses are provided on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Laura Capps, Chair
Santa Barbara County Water Agency Board of Directors

cc: Santa Barbara County Water Agency Board of Directors

**Santa Barbara County Water Agency's Board of Directors
Response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury 2024-25 Report
"Water Management in Santa Barbara County – Keep Up the Good Work"**

Finding 1

Despite community concerns about water scarcity, all of the public entities the Jury investigated that provide and manage water in Santa Barbara County have made proactive plans to fortify against future droughts and provide sufficient water necessary to support future housing growth and commerce.

The Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency agrees with the finding.

Finding 2

Despite a 2016-17 Grand Jury finding that limitations existed in coordinating water management, the Jury finds that coordination among different water management entities in the County has improved significantly.

The Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency agrees with the finding.