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Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury
Response to Findings and Recommendations

Finding 1- The District agrees with this finding. The District will review the upcoming training seminar schedules for attendance by Board members.

Finding 2- The District disagrees with this finding. The District prides itself in maintaining an inviting atmosphere for the public to visit the graves of their loved ones. The Board will consider all suggestions of improving its business practices.

Finding 3- The District disagrees with this finding. The District will review its accountability mechanisms to ensure appropriate oversight.

Finding 4- The District disagrees with this finding. The District Board meetings are open to all, including Supervisors. The Board member terms are current.

Finding 5- The District disagrees with this finding. Effort is made to maintain as many forms of communication as is practical under efficient use of manpower and budget constraints.

Finding 6- The District agrees with this finding. The Board endorses public monitoring.

Finding 7- The District disagrees with this finding. The Board feels their decision making process is more than adequate.

Finding 8- The District disagrees with this finding. The Board has discussed and considered consolidation and cannot support it at this point.

Finding 9- The District disagrees with this finding. The District does not have a General Manager and utilizes the County Counsel for its legal advice. The Board obtains its information from many sources.

Recommendation 1 - The District agrees with this recommendation. All training will be implemented by the District. However, specific deadlines may be problematic due to budget constraints which are beyond District control.

Recommendation 2 - The District does not have a General Manager therefore, this recommendation is not applicable.

Recommendation 4- The District agrees with this recommendation. Notices of the Board meetings are posted at the Post Office and the Community Services District. The time and place of the noticing is printed on to the agendas.

Recommendation 5- The District disagrees with this recommendation. Effort is made to maintain as many forms of communication as is practical under efficient use of manpower and budget constraints.

Recommendation 6- The District disagrees with this recommendation. The District will consider enhancement of its written policies.

Recommendation 7- The District agrees with this recommendation. The District currently maintains a file with all Board meeting minutes.

Recommendation 8- The District agrees with this recommendation. The Board has a CPA at Board meetings.

Recommendation 9- The District does not have a General Manager therefore, this recommendation is not applicable.

Recommendation 10- The District disagrees with this recommendation. The Board has discussed the advantages and disadvantages of consolidation.

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Los Alamos, Cemetery District