

## Lompoc Cemetery District responds to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations

### Findings:

- 1) The Lompoc Cemetery District is currently reviewing training seminars for its Board members to attend.
- 2) The Lompoc Cemetery District strives to follow a high standard of business practice. This is evidenced by collegueship with managers and board members of other cemetery Districts through oral and written communications and through attendance at California Association of Public Cemetery seminars.
- 3) The Lompoc Cemetery District will review its procedures for accountability and oversight. The Lompoc Cemetery District has annually engaged the Santa Barbara County Auditor/Controller office to conduct its financial audit. It also utilizes the County of Santa Barbara FIN accounting system, all information is available to the public.
- 4) The Lompoc Cemetery District Board member terms are monitored and updated appropriately.
- 5) The Lompoc Cemetery District regularly monitors both its fax and email.
- 6) The Lompoc Cemetery District encourages public participation during the monthly Board meetings.
- 7) The Lompoc Cemetery District is always open to specific recommendations to improve decision-making and performance of Board members.
- 8) The Lompoc Cemetery District does not resist the mere consideration of consolidation.
- 9) The Lompoc Cemetery District Board will review the source of information flow through the District.

Recommendations:

- 1) District Board members will continue to attend California Association of Public Cemetery seminars. The Lompoc Cemetery District Manager has completed the sexual harassment seminar training as of the first part of the year.
- 2) The Lompoc Cemetery District Board members and the Manager are waiting for the next ethics training course offered in our area.
- 4) Lompoc Cemetery will note the time and place of the noticing on the agenda.
- 5) The Lompoc Cemetery District maintains a fax and an email address and is responsive to all communication.
- 6) The Lompoc Cemetery District will review its written policies and will consider their enhancement.
- 7) The Lompoc Cemetery District retains all Board meeting agendas and meeting minutes. They are available for review at The Lompoc Cemetery District.
- 8) The Lompoc Cemetery District will consider a scheduled periodic meeting with its Attorney and CPA.
- 9) The Board appreciates the recommendation of requiring its general manager to state in writing the facts on which to base a reasonable conclusion that a request should be granted. Implementation of this recommendation will be considered during the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- 10) The Lompoc Cemetery District will review the possible use of an independent third party consultant regarding advantages and disadvantages of consolidation.