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May 30, 2008

The Honorable J. William McLafferty
Superior Court
1100 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93121-1107

Santa Barbara County Grand Jury
Attention: Foreperson
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Honorable Judge McLafferty & Grand Jury Foreperson:

The 2007-08 Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury recently released its report entitled *Santa Maria Groundwater: From Water to Police and Fire Personnel*. The City of Santa Maria and the Santa Maria Utilities Department are named as affected agencies and required to respond to applicable findings and recommendations within 90 days of the report issuance as of June 10, 2008.

The City of Santa Maria would like to recognize the efforts of the Grand Jury for their diligence in the preparation of this report.


RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
Santa Maria Groundwater: From Water to Police and Fire Personnel

Finding 1: The selling of excess State Water from return flows and groundwater is legally sound, and the transfer of funds received to the General Fund is a proper use of the money. The Santa Maria City Council acting as the water board has acted properly and in the best interest of the citizens of Santa Maria.

City Response: The City agrees with the Grand Jury finding.

There were no recommendations.

The City of Santa Maria respectfully submits this response to the Grand Jury and thanks you again for your efforts associated with the 2007-08 Grand Jury Report.


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