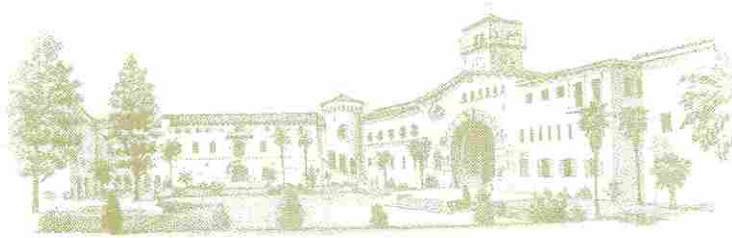


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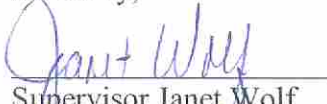
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**Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf's individual responses to
Fiscal Year 2008-09 Grand Jury Report: "SBCAG-A Road Not Taken"**

Dear Judge McLafferty and Foreperson Phillips:

On September 1, 2009 the Board of Supervisors forwarded to you our unanimously adopted responses to the above-entitled Grand Jury report. Subsequently, I received correspondence from Foreperson Phillips clarifying that your Grand Jury requested individual responses from each County Supervisor. Attached is my individual response. I am also including a copy of the response adopted by the Board of Supervisors, as it also reflects my individual beliefs. Finally, I am enclosing notification I recently received from SBCAG Director Jim Kemp regarding SBCAG's submittal of an application for State funds available for the purpose of implementing aspects of SB 375.

Sincerely,



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SECOND DISTRICT COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANET WOLF'S RESPONSE
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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

SBCAG-A ROAD NOT TAKEN

RESPONSES FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1a- SBCAG has authority to do regional land use planning through its Joint Powers Agreement.

Response: Agree.

Finding 1b: The staff has developed recommendations for regional land use planning approved by SBCAG.

Response- Agree.

Finding 1c: The regional land use planning recommendations adopted by SBCAG have not been implemented.

Response- Partially disagree. Some regional planning recommendations have been adopted by the SBCAG Board, as referenced in Attachment 1 of SBCAG's response to your Grand Jury.

Also, SBCAG staff have recently submitted an application for grant funding to address critical areas brought forth in SB 375 [see attached email from SBCAG Executive Director Jim Kemp dated September 23, 2009].

Recommendation 1:

That Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and each respective jurisdiction implement already adopted recommendations that deal with regional land use planning.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The County of Santa Barbara, through our community planning process, regularly reviews and implements regional land use planning and prioritizes these land use planning initiatives. In the Second District, the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee [GVPAC] is in the midst of formulating goals and recommendations to update the 1993 Goleta Community Plan. Much of the focus and discussion in these meetings and workshops focus on the need for smart, thoughtful planning on issues of transportation, circulation, open space, recreation, etc., recognizing the geographic region which surrounds the Eastern Goleta Valley.

Finding 2

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments has not developed a fully integrated regional plan coordinating jobs, housing and transportation that includes all the County's jurisdictions.

Response: Partially disagree. I was one of three SBCAG Board members to vote against SBCAG's 2007-14 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan, as I believed it fell short of truly recognizing the regional realities of our County.

However, I am encouraged by the role that SBCAG will play in the facilitation of a "Sustainable Communities Strategy" (SCS) pursuant to SB 375. Additionally, County staff regularly participate in regional land use planning through SBCAG's "Technical Planning Advisory Committee" [TPAC] and will assist in the development of the SCS.

Recommendation 2

That Santa Barbara County Association of Governments develop a fully integrated regional plan.

As noted above, I am hopeful that the "Sustainable Communities Strategy" being developed by SBCAG will be a huge step forward in incorporating the principles embodied in SB 375.

Finding 3

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments refused to apply for State funds for comprehensive regional planning.

Response: Partially disagree with this finding.

Recommendation 3

That Santa Barbara County Association of Governments aggressively pursue funding for comprehensive regional planning.

Response: While it is true that the SBCAG Board did not pursue funding through the Regional Blueprint Planning Grant Program, the SBCAG Board did support an application for a State Blueprint Planning Grant with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for a study of the Santa Maria region. Additionally, as I noted in response to Finding 1c, SBCAG staff have recently submitted an application for grant funding to address critical areas brought forth in SB 375 [see attached email from SBCAG Executive Director Jim Kemp dated September 23, 2009].

Thank you for the opportunity and request to respond individually to you.

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf
Second District Supervisor