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**GRAND JURY
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

November 30, 2008

Santa Maria Cemetery District
730 East Stowell Road
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Chair:

The 2008-2009 Civil Grand Jury is reviewing a response given to the 2005-2006 Civil Grand Jury report entitled "Water and Cemetery Districts: Do Special Districts Need Watching?", specifically Recommendation #1.

This recommendation reads: "Water and cemetery district Board members should receive training, by January 1, 2007, in all subjects mandated by Assembly Bill 1234."...

The response from the Santa Maria Cemetery District was: "This is being implemented. The Board will be attending AB1234 to be offered by CSDA in October. Any additional training for District Trustees will occur as they become available."

The Grand Jury is requesting an update on the current status of progress on the matter and, if concluded, information documenting and detailing the conclusion and the date completed. Please reply in detail to the Grand Jury at the above address at your earliest convenience, but in any event not later than 30 days from this date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ted Sten
Foreman
Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury

SANTA MARIA CEMETERY DISTRICT

P.O. Box 684 • Santa Maria, CA 93456

Grand Jury Room
County Courthouse
Santa Barbara CA, 93101

January 5, 2009

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Santa Barbara
Grand Jury

Foreman:

Thank you for your interest in the Santa Maria Cemetery District [SMCD] operations. This letter is responding to the 2005-2006 GJ report, as requested in your correspondence.

The current makeup of the Trustees of the SMCD is vastly different from the time period as cited. However, we do take seriously the criticisms of any agency which has oversight of the district.

It has been a tumultuous time at the SMCD since 5-19-08. At that time, the General Manager effectively quit and the President of the Board resigned. We hired an interim General Manager, two new Trustees were seated [myself included] and shortly after I became Board President. The documentation regarding the difficulties of that era is very scant and sometimes nonexistent. That being said, here is the status of the information you requested:

The current ~~GMA~~ has had current Ethics training and is scheduled for AB1234 training in March of 2009.

The Chairperson of the Board has had current Ethics training and is scheduled for AB1234 training in March of 2009.

The Vice-Chairperson has had current Ethics training and is scheduled for AB1234 training in March of 2009.

The Secretary of the Board has had current Ethics training and is scheduled for AB1234 training in March of 2009.

The remaining two trustees have had Ethics training and AB1234 training

Frederick W Quigley
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**GRAND JURY
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

April 23, 2009

Santa Maria Cemetery District
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Gentlemen:

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This recommendation reads: "Water and cemetery district Board members should receive training, by January 1, 2007, in all subjects mandated by Assembly Bill 1234."...

The response from the letter written to you in November concerning the above was "The current GM has had current Ethics training and is scheduled for AB1234 training in March 2009." The same response was given concerning the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary of the Board.

The Grand Jury is requesting an update on the current status of progress on the matter and, if concluded, information documenting and detailing the conclusion and the date completed. Please reply in detail to the Grand Jury at the above address at your earliest convenience, but in any event not later than 30 days from this date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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May 13, 2009

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Santa Barbara
Grand Jury

Foreman:

This letter is responding to the 2005-2006 Grand Jury report, as requested in your correspondence dated 04-23-09.

Personal problems prohibited our Manager from attending the Ab1234 training in March but she will be attending the very next one scheduled.

General Manager Becky Badenell-
Ethics Training 10-09-08

Ab1234 Training xx-xx-xx

The Chairman of the Board Fred Quigley-
Ethics Training 10-17-08

Ab1234 Training 03-27-09

Vice Chair Wanda Mcdonald-
Ethics Training November 2007

Ab1234 Training 03-27-09

Secretary Cole Lucas-
Ethics Training July 2008

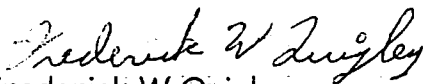
Ab1234 Training Oct 2008

Trustee Geraldine Obrikat-
Ethics Training 05-12-09

Ab1234 Training 03-27-09

Trustee Phyllis Tiegs-
Ethics Training 04-04-08

Ab1234 Training 03-27-09


Frederick W Quigley
Chairman of the Board
Santa Maria Cemetery District