



## GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT

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*At The Heart Of Our Community For Sixty Years: 1944-2004*

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Honorable Peter B. Foor, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
C/O Superior Court Executive Office/Clerk of the Court  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Cathy Houck, Grand Jury Foreperson

RE: G.V.R.D. Response to 2003 – 2004 Grand Jury Report;  
Page 81 GVRD, and Page 84 HIDDENBROOKE

Dear Judge Foor:

Following is the official “general response” to the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #1:** “As stated in the Grand Jury Final Report, the responding agency must state one of four actions taken”.

**G.V.R.D. Response #1:** Finding #2 of the 2003 – 2004 Grand Jury Report indicates that recommendation #1 has been satisfied. Finding #2 states, “GVRD finally acknowledged the findings of the 2003 –2003 Grand Jury Final Report and satisfactorily implemented policy and procedures and addressed the recommendations of the 2002 – 2003 Grand Jury Final Report.” It therefore appears that GVRD has complied with this recommendation.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #2:** “Responses to Grand Jury reports must be made in a timely manner in accordance with the law”.

**G.V.R.D. Response #2:** The Greater Vallejo Recreation District agrees with this recommendation and has committed to responding to the Grand Jury in a timely manner, and has committed to meeting deadlines as determined by the Grand Jury.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #3:** “Audits for 1998 through 2002 were performed by the same independent auditor. There were various miscellaneous administrative financial deficiencies listed each year, sometimes for consecutive years with no apparent action to make corrections”.

### **Mission Statement:**

*Enhancing the leisure and recreational opportunities within our community.*  
web site: [www.gvrd.org](http://www.gvrd.org)

**G.V.R.D. Response #3:** The Greater Vallejo Recreation District concurs with this recommendation. The board will review the findings and recommendations of the auditor and when possible, implement the reasonable recommendations made by the auditor. The Board will consider using a different auditor and will consider contracting with Solano County for auditor services.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #4:** “The 2003 – 2004 Grand Jury recommends that the City of Vallejo and the GVRD jointly determine the most efficient and effective method to deliver parks and recreation services to citizens in the current GVRD area”.

**G.V.R.D. Response #4:** The Greater Vallejo Recreation District is committed to researching and determining the most efficient and effective method to deliver parks and recreation services to the citizens in the current G.V.R.D. area. The G.V.R.D. will periodically meet jointly with the City of Vallejo to complete this task. GVRD has recently contracted with “Moore, Iacofano, and Goltsman Inc.” from Berkely to complete a master plan for the district. This master plan will help determine the needs of the residents and also help answer this question. Based upon the enormity of this task, it will take some time to evaluate the LAFCO criteria to determine the most effective way to deliver parks and recreation services to the residents in the current GVRD area.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #5:** “Within the required guidelines of responding to the 2003 – 2004 Grand Jury Final Report, all agencies provide the 2004 – 2005 Grand Jury with a report of their findings with a schedule of implementation where applicable”.

**G.V.R.D. Response #5:** The Greater Vallejo Recreation District agrees to follow the required guidelines of responding to the 2003 – 2004 Grand Jury Final Report. The GVRD final report will include a report of findings with a schedule of implementation where applicable.

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**Finding #1:** There was no recommendation made for finding #1.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #2:** “The City of Vallejo had requested an extension of response time relating to the Grand Jury’s request for the status of Mello-Roos funds as designated for the construction of the park. Therefore, no recommendation can be made as to finding #2.”

**G.V.R.D. Response #2:** It appears to GVRD that the response to this recommendation is being made by the City of Vallejo.

**Grand Jury Recommendation #3:** “The City of Vallejo and the GVRD should meet with the representatives of the Hiddenbrooke Subdivision to provide details of fees collected and expenditures as specified in the Hiddenbrooke Specific Plan. If fees and

expenditures do not meet the guidelines of the Plan, the City and the GVRD should provide to the residents a complete explanation as to any and all alterations to the Specific Plan guidelines.

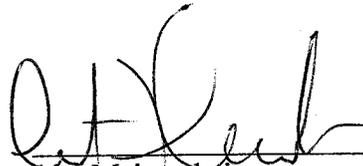
**G.V.R.D. Response #3:** The Greater Vallejo Recreation District has been meeting with representatives of the Hiddenbrooke subdivision on a regular basis and will continue to meet with them and to provide information as it is received. The district is working with the representatives and the City of Vallejo to plan and develop a park in the Hiddenbrooke area.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,



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