

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



August 14, 2014

The Honorable E. Bradley Nelson
Presiding Judge-2013-2014 Solano County Grand Jury
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Fairfield, CA 94533

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SOLANO COUNTY
GRAND JURY

Subject: 2013-2104 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Dear Judge Nelson:

This letter provides the Solano County Water Agency's required responses to the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Finding 2

Some upper levels of public agency management are not actively supporting and participating in the implementation of ReGIS.

Response:

The Solano County Water Agency (Agency) disagrees wholly with the finding.

The Agency has supported and participated in the implementation of ReGIS from the beginning of the program. The Agency representative, Chris Lee, is the Agency's Principal Water Resources Specialist, an Agency manager, who reports directly to the General Manager. The General Manager has delegated authority to the Principal Water Resources Specialist to support ReGIS programs and activities and to participate in meetings, workshops, and commit funds to ReGIS activities such as the flights to record aerial images of Solano County.

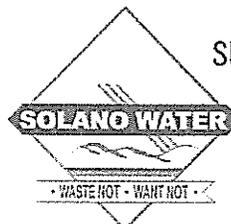
Recommendation 2

Upper levels of public agency management actively support and participate in the implementation of ReGIS.

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Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response above.

Finding 3

Management attendance at ReGIS meetings has been poor.

Response:

The Agency disagrees wholly with the finding.

As noted above in response to Finding 2, the Principal Water Resource Specialist, an Agency manager, has been a regular attendee at ReGIS meetings.

Recommendation 3

Management attend and encourage attendance by representatives from their agency at ReGIS meetings.

Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response above.

Finding 4

Representation of agencies at ReGIS meetings has been mostly by non-management employees who have limited or no commitment authority.

Response:

The Agency disagrees wholly with the finding.

As noted above in response to Finding 2, the Principal Water Resource Specialist, an Agency manager, has been a regular attendee at ReGIS meetings. The Principal Water Resource Specialist has delegated authority to make financial commitments to ReGIS programs and activities. The Principal Water Resources Specialist is responsible for a portion of the Agency's annual budget and reports recommendations directly to the General Manager. The Agency's Board of Directors approves the annual budget at their June meetings each year. The Agency's Board of Directors approved the 2014-2015 annual budget at their June 12, 2014 meeting, which included the Agency's cost share portion for the upcoming ReGIS aerial flights.

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The Principal Water Resources Specialist has made financial commitments on behalf of the Agency to ReGIS on previous aerial flights in 2004 and 2008.

Recommendation 4

In the absence of management attendance, management appoint and authorize an employee to commit and support ReGIS activities.

Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response above.

If you have any questions, please call me at (707) 455-1103 or contact me via email at dokita@scwa2.com. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Okita". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a cursive "Okita".

David Okita,
General Manager