City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director

DATE: March 15, 2011

SUBJECT: 2009/2010 Grand Jury Report Follow-up Letter and Authorization of the City of Calistoga's Response

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

ISSUE: Receipt of 2009/2010 Napa County Grand Jury Report Follow-up Letter and Authorization of the City of Calistoga's Response.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive report and authorize the response.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Napa County Grand Jury has issued its annual report for 2009/2010 entitled "Final Report on Water Our Precious, Critical Resource". The Grand Jury's mandate is to investigate all branches of government assuring they are being administered efficiently, honestly, and in the best interest of Napa County's residents. The 2009/2010 Grand Jury investigated the activities of Napa County agencies associated with the supply of potable and recycled water and the treatment of wastewater.

On June 7th, the Mayor and Public Works Director received copies of the Grand Jury Report, which includes 18 findings and 14 recommendations. The Grand Jury requested responses to recommendations 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, and 14. The Grand Jury also commended the City of Calistoga for its current uses of recycled water and showing forward thinking in seeking to expand recycled water distribution and use. The City issued a response letter on July 22, 2010, responding to Grand Jury report recommendations 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, and 14.

The Grand Jury's follow-up letter of January 21, 2011 (received on January 31, 2011) asks that:

a. The City respond to "findings" 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, and 18, even though not specifically requested in their June 7, 2010 letter.
b. The City respond more specifically to "recommendations" 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 14, beyond what was previously provided.

The attached draft response letter has been prepared for Council review. No response timeline was set in the Grand Jury's follow-up letter of January 21, 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft follow-up response letter
2. City's initial response letter of July 22, 2010
3. Grand Jury follow-up letter of January 21, 2011