

*Mendocino County*

***Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District***

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find the required responses to the Grand Jury report ***Forming and Reforming a Community***:

**F3 – Partially Disagree-** The District agrees that the greater Ukiah Valley would benefit from improved coordination and/or consolidation of water and wastewater services. The District does not agree however, that LAFCO is the agency to execute this on-going need. While LAFCO will likely be a key partner in the process, the solutions will need to be derived from within the subject districts.

**F4- Partially Disagree-** The District agrees that there are numerous special Districts within Mendocino County. The District does not agree that this represents a “proliferation”. Mendocino is primarily comprised of a numerous small, non-contiguous, rural communities. The scale and distribution of most special districts in Mendocino reflect the communities they serve and are appropriate for the circumstances.

In more developed areas, such as the greater Ukiah Valley, the circumstances are different. Over time service areas have become co-terminus. In these instances the District agrees that improved coordination and/or consolidation of services would be beneficial.

**F6- Agree**

**R1- Agree-** This is one of LAFCO’s primary responsibilities and completion is long overdue.

**R2- Disagree-** The District does not believe this is an appropriate role for LAFCO.

**R3- Partially Disagree-** The District agrees that a properly functioning LAFCO will help with improved coordination and/or consolidation of services. The District believes that LAFCO could best accomplish this by successfully implementing R1. The District does not agree that LAFCO currently has the duty or capacity to provide a “leadership” role in coordination and/or consolidation of services.

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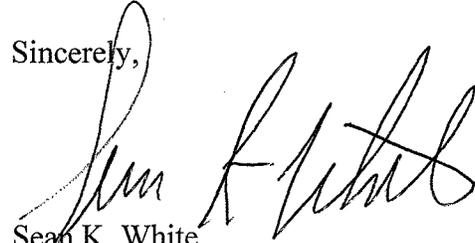
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The Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this document. If you have any questions or comments regarding our responses, please do not hesitate to contact the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean K. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".

Sean K. White  
General Manager