

# CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

Public Works Department

Gateway to the Napa Valley

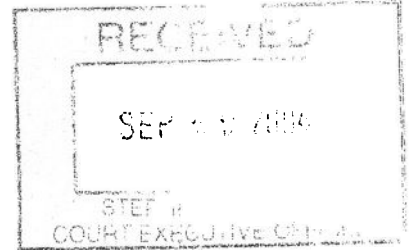


September 3, 2004

The Honorable Scott Snowden  
Presiding Judge  
Napa County Superior Court  
825 Brown Street  
Napa, CA 94559

Re: Response to Grand Jury Water Report Recommendation 1

Dear Judge Snowden:



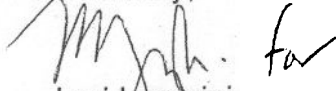
The City of American Canyon has reviewed a copy of the 2003-04 Napa County Grand Jury Report. We have been asked to respond to the first recommendation of the Water Report, regarding increased use of tertiary recycled water.

The City wholeheartedly agrees with the recommendation, in large part because we have already embarked on that strategy some six years ago. When the City decided to spend approximately \$18 million to build its own wastewater treatment plant, a primary consideration was the opportunity to produce tertiary recycled water, to offset agricultural and landscaping potable water demands.

Since 2003 we have produced tertiary water to some of the highest standards in the Bay Area. We are currently in the final phases of delivering that water to our first paying customer, the Green Island Vineyard located adjacent to our plant. We have completed a Reclaimed Water Master Plan and will be in the process of applying for State Grants to offset the costs of building a storage and distribution system for that recycled water. We currently collect impact fees on new development to pay for a portion of that infrastructure. The balance will come from our operating revenues.

I hope this addresses the recommendations of the Grand Jury. Please feel free to contact our City Manager, Mark Joseph, or our Public Works Director, Bob Weil, if you need any further assistance or clarification in this matter. They can be reached at (707) 647-4351 or (707) 647-4550, respectively.

Sincerely,

  
Lori Luporini  
Mayor

cc Remaining members of the City Council  
Mark Joseph, City Manager  
Bob Weil, Public Works Director

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