CITY OF CALISTOGA

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July 19, 2005

The Honorable Richard A. Bennett Presiding Judge Napa County Superior Court 825 Brown Street Napa, California 94559

Re: 2004-2005 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Bennett:

The City of Calistoga has received and reviewed the 2004-2005 Napa County Grand Jury Final Report (Report) and pursuant to the requirements therein offers this letter.

The City of Calistoga agrees with the findings contained within the Report so far as they pertain to the City of Calistoga. The Water Loss section of the Report contained specific recommendations that require a response from the City of Calistoga. Those recommendations along with the City's responses are given below.

Water Loss

Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2: Water districts and municipalities must monitor unaccounted-for water on and annual basis. Water districts and municipalities must follow the methodology and goal for calculating unaccounted-for water according to the *American Water Works Association*.

City of Calistoga Response: The City of Calistoga monitors water losses on a monthly and annual basis. The calculation of those losses is consistent with *American Water Works Association* methodology.

Recommendation No 3: Water districts and municipalities must have in place a system for inspecting, testing, maintenance and repair of meters. The testing protocol is dependent upon the size and type of meter as well as the type of service account. In addition, water use by individual account is continuously monitored and compared against historic as a check for potential problems.

City of Calistoga Response: The City of Calistoga currently has in place a system for inspecting, testing, repairing and replacing meters.



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Recommendation No 4: Water districts and municipalities should consider joining the *California Urban Water Conservation Council*. The council establishes standards and audit procedures.

City of Calistoga Response: The City of Calistoga has been a member of the California Urban Water Conservation Council since 1999.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's report. Should you or any member of the 2004-2005 Grand Jury desire clarification regarding our response, please contact us at 942-2805.

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