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Deanna Hanson, Foreperson  
Sacramento County Grand Jury  
720 9th Street, Room 219  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: GRAND JURY RESPONSE FROM RICH DESMOND**

Dear Ms. Hanson:

On April 12, 2022, the Sacramento County Grand Jury issued a Status Review of its investigation of the Del Paso Manor Water District ("DPMWD"). This report requested a response from Sacramento County Board of Supervisor member Rich Desmond. Supervisor Desmond has requested that I respond on his behalf to your request.

As you know, this is an additional report relating to the first investigation to the DPMWD. Mr. Desmond is an elected member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and also an appointed member of the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo"). The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has no legal or practical authority over the DPMWD and therefore cannot implement any of the requested recommendations contained in the report. Similarly, one Board member cannot and should not respond on behalf of the Board of Supervisors on issues within or, in this case, not within, its purview.

As to the request for Supervisor Desmond to respond as a member of the LAFCo Board, the Grand Jury should be aware that a single member of the LAFCo Board of Directors cannot speak on behalf of the Board and therefore Supervisor Desmond will not be responding on behalf of LAFCo. Additionally, the Grand Jury has requested a response from the Executive Officer of LAFCO and therefore, can do so on behalf of LAFCo. If the Grand Jury would like a formal response from the LAFCo Board, they should request such.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LISA A. TRAVIS  
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By: 

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cc: Supervisor Rich Desmond, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors – District 3  
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