

Agenda Item A-9

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DATE: December 9, 2015
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **A-9**: UPDATE ON MARIN COUNTY
CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT RE: MERAONLINE.ORG

Recommended Action: Receive and file the updated Report on the Marin County Civil Grand Jury Transparency Audit of meraonline.org.

Background: On October 28, Marin County Civil Grand Jury Foreperson Mann issued the attached letter to MERA with a determination that meraonline.org “is lacking some critical information or that some information is not easily accessible”.

I reviewed the Grand Jury’s Report Card with MERA’s Webmaster Stephanie Leonard, along with subsequent supplemental information, including a Web Transparency Checklist for JPAs.

Thanks to a suggestion from President Pearce, a quick link, a.k.a. Transparency Tab, will be added to the meraonline.org home page that addresses each checklist criteria and site location information for each. Additionally, 4 years of budgets and audits, including the current year, will be added to the Documents section. Also, a narrative summary of Revenue Sources, along with annual member contributions schedules will be posted.

Finally, Governing Board and Administrative officials names, titles, contact information, terms, compensation, benefits and reimbursements will be provided under the Governance section (Note: NFPD is the contact point for Board and Staff).

MERA will complete the Grand Jury’s self-audit form, including all the above, by December 11, 2015. The Grand Jury will review the self-audit and produce a final score card. All of Marin’s public agencies score cards will be contained in an upcoming Grand Jury Report.

ATTACHMENT:
A-9a Marin County Civil Grand Jury Letter (10-28-15)