

Agenda Item A-4

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DATE: January 13, 2015
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **A-4**: REPORT ON MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY
REPORT CARD RE: MERAONLINE.ORG

Recommended Action: Receive and file 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 a 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.

A quick link, a.k.a. Transparency Link, was added to the meraonline.org Home Page that addresses each checklist criteria and site location information for each (see attached). 4 years of budgets and audits, including the current year, was added to the Documents section. Also, a narrative summary of Revenue Sources, along with annual member contributions schedules was posted.

Finally, Governing Board and Administrative officials names, titles, contact information, terms, compensation, benefits and reimbursements was included under the Governance section.

MERA completed the Grand Jury’s self-audit form, including all the above, by the December 11, 2015 deadline. The Grand Jury will review the self-audit and produce a final score card, which will be reported out to the Executive and Governing Boards accordingly.

All of Marin’s public agencies score cards will be contained in an upcoming Grand Jury Report.

ATTACHMENT:

A-4a Quick Link Transparency Checklist Information
(4 pages excerpted from www.meraonline.org)