

## **Agenda Item A-3**

### **MARIN EMERGENCY RADIO AUTHORITY**

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**DATE:** July 27, 2016  
**TO:** MERA Governing Board  
**FROM:** Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM **A-3**: UPDATE ON MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY  
WEB TRANSPARENCY AUDIT

**Recommended Action:** Receive and file the Update on Marin County Civil Grand Jury Web  
Transparency Audit.

**Background:** The MERA Governing Board, on April 27, 2016, accepted the Grand Jury's Report Card  
for meraonline.org as presented, which gave MERA's website a B grade.

The Governing Board directed further implementation of Criteria Number 7 "Contracts" in order  
to obtain full credit for improving our Contracts information. Additionally, a brief statement was  
developed about why Criteria Number 4's Governing Board Members' biographies were not  
posted. That statement refers to the burdensome effort and related costs for posting and updating  
25 member biographies, given MERA's turnover and limited contract staffing.

Subsequent to these website improvements, a new Self-Audit Form with this information was  
submitted on June 6 to Superior Court Judge Simmons and Grand Jury Foreperson Pro Tem  
Harrison for their auditors' review.

Foreperson Roth confirmed receipt of MERA's new form and was laudatory of our extra efforts  
given MERA's response was entirely optional. The Grand Jury will be re-auditing  
meraonline.org and will advise us of the results.