

Agenda Item A-4

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DATE: October 26, 2016
TO: MERA Governing Board
FROM: Maureen Cassingham, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM **A-4**: FINAL REPORT ON MARIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY
WEB TRANSPARENCY AUDIT

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

Background: As you will recall, 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, with the great assistance of MERA Webmaster
Leonard, a new Self-Audit Form with this information was submitted on June 6 by staff to
Superior Court Judge Simmons and Grand Jury Foreperson Pro Tem Harrison for their auditors'
review.

Foreperson Hamilton-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 re-audited
meraonline.org and, on October 12 MERA received a grade of **A-**.