

Attachment 2

August 26, 2015

Honorable Risë Jones Pichon
Presiding Judge
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Honorable Judge Pichon,

The Sunnyvale City Council received the 2014-2015 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury's Final Report on *A Slow Rising Emergency – Sea Level Rise*. The following is the Council's response to the Findings and Recommendations per authority section 933.05(a) of the California Penal Code.

A Slow Rising Emergency – Sea Level Rise

Finding 1

The cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, and Sunnyvale want to retain control of Sea Level Rise efforts within their jurisdictions, but would like to have an organization assume responsibility for coordinating the plans and activities involved in addressing Sea Level Rise.

Recommendation 1

The Santa Clara Valley Water District should take a more proactive role in coordinating the cities that will be affected by Sea Level Rise, unifying, integrating, and directing efforts in Santa Clara County.

Response: Agree

Sunnyvale generally agrees with the Grand Jury's finding and recommendation. The report recognizes that Sunnyvale is early in its efforts to address Sea Level Rise. Sunnyvale has been a

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stakeholder in and awaiting the results of Santa Clara County's Silicon Valley 2.0 (SV2.0) project to provide tools and strategies for climate adaptation. While the Grand Jury report does not specifically address the SV2.0 project, it is hoped to serve as a resource to foster collaboration and integration of adaptation activities, including those aimed to address sea level rise. Sunnyvale supports the Grand Jury recommendation that the Santa Clara Valley Water District take a proactive role in coordinating sea level rise efforts. Sunnyvale recognizes that the Water District is already leading a critical component - the evaluation of a preliminary levee alignment as part of the South Bay Shoreline Study. Sunnyvale is an active stakeholder in their Shoreline Study project. Sunnyvale has also been in communication with the Water District regarding the Grand Jury report and is prepared to engage in a collaborative forum to share existing efforts and foster additional partnership approaches to addressing sea level rise.

The City Council reviewed and approved this response at its meeting on August 25, 2015.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services, at (408) 730-7954.

Sincerely,

Jim Griffith
Mayor

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