



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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- a. Consider approval of the response to the 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office” and
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to submit the approved response to the Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey, by September 25, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider approval of the response to the 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office” and
- b) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to submit the approved response with the Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey, by September 25, 2020.

SUMMARY:

The 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office” was issued in June 2020. By law, the Board of Supervisors are required to respond to specific findings and recommendations as directed therein. Within 90 days of report issuance, on or before September 25, 2020, the Board’s response must be submitted to the Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey.

The County Administrative Office coordinated preparation of the recommended response to the 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office” on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The attached response was prepared by the Agricultural Commissioner. The Board of Supervisors approved response should be deemed by the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury and the Judge of the Superior Court, County of Monterey, as the response of the Board of Supervisors to those issues raised by the Grand Jury regarding County operations, except as applicable to elected County officials.

The recommended response is intended to reflect staffs’ understanding of Board policy. Should the Board wish to modify the recommended response, the Board is requested to direct the County Administrative Officer to do so and return with those changes at the September 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office coordinated preparation of the recommended response to the 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office” with the assistance, input and appropriate review by the following County departments: Office of the Agricultural Commissioner.

Members of the 2019 - 2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury and the Judge were invited to attend the Board of Supervisors hearing on this matter.

FINANCING:

There are no fiscal impacts to the General Fund with this recommendation.

☐ Economic Development
☐ Administration
☒ Health & Human Services
☐ Infrastructure
☐ Public Safety

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Officer Date: August 20, 2020

Attachment:

Board of Supervisors Response 209 -2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report: “Enhancing Public Access to Pesticide Use Information, An Opportunity for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office”

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Les Girard, County Counsel
Henry Gonzales, Agriculture Commissioner