



CITY OF CORONADO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

August 15, 2023

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RESPONSE TO THE 2022/2023 SAN DIEGO GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED “GOVERNANCE OF SAN DIEGO BAY AND ITS TIDAL LANDS AND REGIONS”

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the staff report and authorize the transmittal of the proposed response to the Presiding Judge overseeing the Grand Jury as presented or revised.

BACKGROUND:

The San Diego Grand Jury issued a report titled “Governance of San Diego Bay and its Tidal Lands and Regions” on June 7, 2023. The report requires formal responses by August 28, 2023 from the Port District Member Cities including Coronado, San Diego County, and the San Diego Port District.

ANALYSIS:

The report includes several findings and four recommendations that apply to Port District member cities, including the City of Coronado. Per State statute, the responding entity must state whether it agrees with the findings, and if not, provide an explanation. The City must also respond to each recommendation assigned for response by stating one of the following:

- a) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
- b) The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
- c) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report; or,
- d) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

The Grand Jury assigned four recommendations for the City of Coronado’s response:

Recommendation 23-90 Enact ordinances or policies placing a two-term limit on the number of terms that a Port Commissioner can serve (as already enacted for the City of Coronado).

Recommendation 23-91 Institute ordinances or formal policies requiring the appointed Commissioners from each city be required to give at a minimum, quarterly updates to the City Councils at officially scheduled city council meetings open to the public.

Recommendation 23-9 Institute ordinances or formal policies that require ratification of the Port Master Plans, proposed Port Master Plan Updates or amendments to the Port Master Plan for Port District planning districts within each city’s boundaries.

Recommendation 23-93 In consultation with the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, explore and implement an alternate form of governance for the Port District allowing for participation in, and oversight of Port District activities and decision by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the elected city councils of the five Port Cities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ALTERNATIVE:

The City Council may direct staff to modify responses to any of the Grand Jury's findings or recommendations.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

This activity is not a project as defined by CEQA and is therefore exempt from environmental review.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No notice required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grand Jury Report – Governance of San Diego Bay and its Tidal Lands and Regions
2. Proposed Grand Jury Response Letter

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