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Mayor Anthony Silva
 City of Stockton
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Dear Mayor Silva:

In the Stockton City Council's response to the 2014-2015 San Joaquin County Grand Jury Final Report #1412, dated July 21, 2015, you indicated that the City of Stockton would take several actions to address the recommendations cited in the report. The purpose of this letter is to request specific information consistent with the prior Grand Jury's recommendations and the City's responses.

The recommendations and your agency's response to each are as follows:

R1.1 The City Council direct (through the City Manager) the Director of MUD to complete needed repairs at the IPS by September 2015 to ensure work areas are safe for employees and to report back annually to the Council regarding the status of IPS ground settling and associated repairs and costs.

Agency Response: (in part) ...MUD will seek City Council approval for construction repairs to take place under contract. All this work will not be completed by September 15, 2015. It is anticipated at this time that construction repairs would be completed by the summer of 2016.

Please provide a status report regarding these construction repairs, along with a copy of the agenda and the minutes from the meeting when it was adopted. Also, please provide us with the status of engineering plan and City Council approval.

If the agency has not adopted a policy or engineering plan consistent with its own response, please explain your failure to do so.

R2.1 The City Council direct (through the City Manager) the Director of MUD to make a presentation to the Council no later than September 2015 identifying the process and timeline to manage the H2S problem in the sewer pipeline system.

Agency Response: (in part) ... In an effort to extend sewer system life and to reduce foul odors due to H2S release, MUD will complete the sodium hydroxide Pilot Study by

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The end of August 2015. The results of this test will be shared with the City Council no later than December 2015 after the Pilot Study data has been analyzed. The department will formulate plans for economical chemical addition programs to be implemented in areas of most need in the sewer collection system.

Please provide a copy of the results of the Pilot Study that was presented to City Council along with a status report regarding any plans to be implemented in the sewer collection system.

If the agency has not completed the plan consistent with its own response, please explain your failure to do so.

R3.1 The City Council direct (through the City Manager) the Director of MUD to develop and implement a succession plan by September 2015.

Agency Response: (in part) ... As part of the Department's Strategic Business Plan a succession plan will be developed over the next year in conjunction with the HR Department. The HR Department is completing a total compensation survey for all positions and is working to develop an overall approach to succession planning consistent with the City's priorities.

Please provide the progress report of the succession plan. Also, please provide the results of the compensation survey.

If the agency has not adopted a policy, succession plan or compensation survey consistent with its own response, please explain your failure to do so.

R3.4 The City Council direct (through the City Manager) the Director of MUD to assign and meet benchmarks for the safety programs being developed by NES, Inc. and by December 2015 prepare a timeline for completion of the safety project and report to the Council annually on its progress.

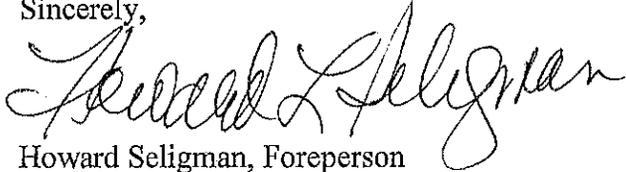
Agency Response: The recommendation to develop a project timeline will be completed by December 15, 2015. In addition MUD has developed a system to report and track staff safety concerns. Beginning on June 17, 2015, the Safety Committee will receive a copy of the tracking system at each monthly meeting. All concerns will be tracked on the distribution list until adequately addressed. Safety Committee members will post the list on their respective work area safety bulletin boards. All staff will be informed on how to get their concerns to the safety program manager of assignee at all of the scheduled OSHA-required safety training meetings. Annual program updates will be communicated to the City Council as part of the budget process and through the Council Water Committee and the Water Advisory Group.

Please provide documentation that MUD's safety program and timeline has been developed and implemented.

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Please send your responses within 10 business days by mailing to: San Joaquin County Grand Jury, 222 E. Weber Av., Suite 605, Stockton, CA 95202 or by email to: grandjury@sjcourts.org. Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard Seligman".

Howard Seligman, Foreperson
San Joaquin County Grand Jury

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cc: Kurt Wilson, City Manager

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