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Orange County Water Sustainability: Who Cares?

Santa Ana, California---The 2012–2013 Orange County Grand Jury released a report today titled: “Orange County Water Sustainability: Who Cares?” While some prior Grand Jury reports have dealt mainly with the local water retailers, this latest report is a study of the wholesalers involved in the delivery of water throughout Orange County.

The report provides a history of Orange County water issues and recommendations to ensure the sustainability of water for the County. The Grand Jury was pleased with the progress made by the County in conserving water since their last report in 2007–2008. The Grand Jury looked at the possible future sources of water and determined that the projects presently under consideration (desalination and the Cadiz Project) should continue until it is determined they are not economically feasible.

The Grand Jury expressed concern about the vulnerability of the Bay Delta levees and recommends the Orange County water districts support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The Grand Jury also expressed its appreciation of the work done by the Orange County Water District and the Groundwater Replenishment Project and is hopeful more water will be available for replenishment in the future.

The Grand Jury report, including Findings/Conclusions and Recommendations, can be found on the Orange County Grand Jury’s website, www.ocgrandjury.org. This report will also be included as part of the Final Report of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury, to be published later this year.

2012-2013 Orange County Grand Jury

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond Garcia".

Raymond Garcia
Foreman