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October 21, 2015

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

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Chief Executive Officer/Clerk  
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
BY: BRITNEY HUELBIG DEPUTY

**Subject: Response to Final Grand Jury Report entitled, "A Slow Rising Emergency – Sea Level Rise"**

Dear Judge Pichon:


This letter transmits the City of Milpitas' response to the finding and recommendation contained in the 2014-2015 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury's Final Report entitled, "***A Slow Rising Emergency – Sea Level Rise***," based on City Council action approved on October 20, 2015. The City of Milpitas is required to respond to Finding 2 and Recommendation 2, and our response is as follows:

*The City generally agrees with Finding 2 and Recommendation 2. That said, the City does intend to address the sea-level rise issue at a policy level in our General Plan update process, which is set to begin in 2016. From there, any subsequent affected plans/policies would then be updated to be in conformance with the updated GP, including the Milpitas Climate Action Plan (CAP). As a matter of fact, the City Council just approved on October 6, 2015 Council meeting a Capital Improvement Project funding assigned solely for the City's General Plan Update.*

The City of Milpitas is also committed to working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and other neighboring jurisdictions, on the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study.

Again we appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury Final Report and appreciate the Grand Jury for preparing the report, which raises the awareness on this important topic. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Tom Williams, City Manager, at [twilliams@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:twilliams@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or (408) 586-3051.

Sincerely,

  
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