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HONORABLE ERIC BRADSHAW, PRESIDING JUDGE
KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1415 TRUXTUN AVENUE, SUITE 212
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

RE: 2025-2026 Kern County Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Bradshaw:

Frazier Park Public Utility District submits the following responses to the Kern County Grand Jury Report, dated May 27, 2026 pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05.

FINDINGS:

- F1. A state grant of \$1,014,892 has been received to merge the two systems. This requires some laying of pipe and a few connections.

RESPONSE: The respondent disagrees partially with the finding. We agree that we received a state grant of one million dollars for the planning portion of the project. What is required to do the actual merger will be another grant of a great deal more funding and more complicated infrastructure than what was written in Finding 1.

- F2. In the proposal for the merger, it is written that the LOW customers will not bear any of the District's debt.

RESPONSE: The respondent partially disagrees with the finding. LOW customers will not bear any of the District's debt incurred prior to the annexation.

- F3. The District is using eminent domain to obtain the site for well #8.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

- F4. The Eminent Domain process was started on January 8, 2024. A Prejudgment Possession was obtained on January 22, 2024; trial is set for April 12, 2027.

RESPONSE: The respondent partially disagrees with the finding. The eminent domain process started before the District filed with the court, and the dates may be incorrect.

- F5. The Nitrate issue has been mitigated by the LOW through mixing lower Nitrate wells with higher Nitrate wells, to bring the levels to government standards.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

- F6. Routine monthly expenditures under \$3,000 require two board member signatures; three Board members' signatures are required on checks over \$3,000.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R1. The District and the LOW continue to participate in the merger talks. (Finding F1)

RESPONSE: The recommendation has been implemented, and we are continuing the consolidation talks.

- R2. The LOW customers should not be liable for any pre-merger debts incurred by the District. (Finding F2)

RESPONSE: The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future with the consolidation, through a Memorandum of Understanding and a Proposition 218 Rate Study and Protest Hearing.

- R3. The District should make every effort to obtain an easement or complete the eminent domain process before April 12, 2027. (Finding F3)

RESPONSE: The recommendation has been implemented. The District is making every effort to move forward as the court permits.

- R4. Two or three board member signatures required for routine monthly expenditures is excessive and micro-management. The board should revisit this policy by June 30, 2026. (Finding F6)

RESPONSE: The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The board agrees this process works for this District for the purposes of transparency and oversight.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Garcia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerald Garcia
FPPUD Board President

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