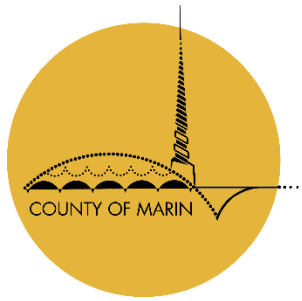




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA DATE: September 8, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sophie Helpard, Legislative Affairs Associate, Office of the County Executive

REVIEWED BY: Josh Swedberg, Assistant County Executive, Office of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Request from the Office of the County Executive to approve the Board of Supervisor's response to the 2025-26 Civil Grand Jury Report "Better Service at Lower Cost — Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin" (June 11th, 2026)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Concur in and adopt the proposed response to the FY 2025-26 Civil Grand Jury Report on special district governance (Attachment #1) and 2) Authorize the County Executive, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, to submit the response to the Marin County Civil Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the Marin County Superior Court (Attachment #2) on or before September 11, 2026.

SUMMARY: The 2025-26 Civil Grand Jury Report published a report entitled "Better Service at Lower Cost – Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin" (June 11, 2026). The report included a request for response from your Board. Attached for your consideration, in accordance with §933 of the California Penal Code, is a proposed response. A copy of the Grand Jury report (Attachment #1) is also included for your information.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND: On June 11, 2026, the Marin County Civil Grand Jury published a report entitled "Better Service at Lower Cost – Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin". The Grand Jury requested responses from the Board of Supervisors to Findings F1-F7 and Recommendations R1 – R9 of this report. The proposed responses were drafted by staff from Office of the County Executive and in discussion with the Marin Special Districts Association.

POLICY FRAMEWORK: The governance, organization, and administration of independent special districts are the responsibility of their respective governing boards and the [Marin Local Agency Formation Commission](#) (LAFCo). The Board of Supervisors appoints two members to the Marin LAFCo Commission alongside two members of local Marin County City Councils, two members from Special Districts, and one public member.

EQUITY IMPACT SUMMARY: Special districts deliver critical services to Marin residents across the county. Effective management and operation of these districts ensures residents can access services in a reliable, affordable, and equitable manner.

COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The Board of Supervisors response will be submitted to the Civil Grand Jury and posted on the County of Marin Civil Grand Jury [website](#), alongside the report and responses from other participating agencies.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: There are no performance measures applicable to this item.

CONTRACT RENEWALS / PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES: There are not contract renewals or performance outcomes applicable to this item.

CONTRACT RISKS: There are no contract risks applicable to this item.

CEQA ANALYSIS: This action does not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21065 and CEQA Guidelines §§ 15060(c) and 15378. Therefore, it is not subject to environmental review, documentation, or public notice requirements under CEQA.

FISCAL, FACILITY & STAFFING ANALYSIS: There is no fiscal, facility or staffing analysis applicable to this item.

ALTERNATIVES: The Board may amend any suggested response prior to submittal to the Presiding Judge and Foreperson of the Civil Grand Jury. Any amendments from the Board must be included in the response to be submitted no later than September 11, 2026.

ESTIMATED TIME (in minutes): 0

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 – “Better Service at Lower Cost — Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin” (June 11th, 2026)

Attachment #2 – Proposed Board of Supervisors Response to “Better Service at Lower Cost — Optimizing Essential Services for the Future of Marin” (June 11th, 2026)

Attachment #3 – Letter to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Marin