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Civil Grand Jury – Richard S Nakano, Foreperson
 725 Court Street
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Dear Mr. Nakano,

On behalf of the City of San Ramon, this letter responds to the Contra Costa Grand Jury Report No. 1907: “Stormwater Trash Reduction”. The City of San Ramon appreciates the time and effort that you and the Grand Jury spend considering these matters. As required by California Penal Code §933.05, the City’s response to the overall findings and recommendations is provided below.

Below are staff’s required responses to the Findings and Recommendations:

FINDINGS		
Number	Finding	Response
F1	The 2015 Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit requires most of the cities, towns, and the County to take action to reduce trash discharges by 80%, from 2009 baseline levels, by July 1, 2019.	We agree with the finding. San Ramon has achieved 100% trash reduction.
F3	Using the formula prescribe in the Permit, Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek report that they have already reached their July 1, 2019 trash reduction goals.	We agree with the finding. San Ramon has achieved 100% trash reduction.
F6	The County estimates that it will need an additional \$1.2 million per year to meet all the Permit Requirements.	We agree with the finding.
F9	No narrative summary of the accomplishments, challenges, costs, and funds needed to comply with the Permit is provided in the required annual reports prepared by the CCCWP, the County, and each City and Town.	We partially disagree with the finding. San Ramon does provide some of this information with its annual reports.

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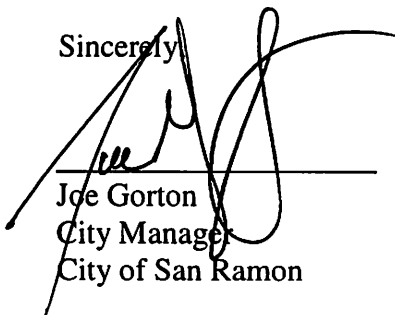
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RECOMMENDATIONS		
Number	Recommendation	Response
R2	The City/Town Councils of Antioch, Brentwood, Clayton, Danville, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, and San Ramon should consider limiting the use of Styrofoam containers in their communities by June 30, 2020.	The recommendation requires further analysis. The Policy Committee of the San Ramon City Council will consider the recommendation on July 24, 2019.
R3	The Board of Supervisors and all City/Town Councils should consider directing staff to provide a concise summary of their Annual Reports, citing their accomplishments, challenges, costs, and funds needed to fully comply with the Permit, by December 31, 2019.	The recommendation has been implemented. San Ramon does provide such a summary with its annual reports.
R4	The Board of Supervisors and all City/Town Councils should consider identifying additional revenue sources to fully fund Permit requirements in order to comply with the Permit and avoid potential liability, by June 30, 2020.	The recommendation has been implemented. The City and County have identified additional revenue sources and attempted to raise additional revenue, but have been unsuccessful due to Proposition 218 requirements.

The City of San Ramon appreciates the work performed by the Grand Jury and acknowledges the importance of the role served in oversight of local government activities.

We trust the Grand Jury will find these responses helpful to its endeavor.

Sincerely,



 Joe Gorton
 City Manager
 City of San Ramon