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Mr. Larry Sanders
Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury
Post Office Box 3387
Modesto, California 95353

BY: _____

Re: Response to the Civil Grand Jury Final Report, "Obligations, Obstacles, and Opportunities in School Bond Oversight"

Dear Mr. Sanders:

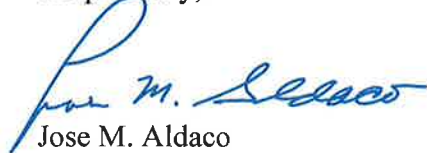
On behalf of the Waterford Unified School District, I write to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. Larry Sanders, Foreperson of the 2026/2027 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury. The letter is dated September 18, 2026, and was delivered to our District office on September 25, 2026. It advised that the District's response to the above referenced report had not yet been received by the Superior Court or the Grand Jury.

Please accept my sincere apology for the delay in submitting our response.

Attached is the District's response to the report, submitted pursuant to Section 933(c) of the California Penal Code. In addition, copies of the response have been placed in the mail, one addressed to you and one addressed to the Honorable Sonny Sandhu, Presiding Judge of the Stanislaus County Superior Court.

Thank you for your patience and for the work of the Civil Grand Jury on behalf of our community. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Jose M. Aldaco
Superintendent
Waterford Unified School District

Enclosure: District Response to the Civil Grand Jury Final Report

cc: Honorable Sonny Sandhu, Presiding Judge, Stanislaus County Superior Court



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Civil Grand Jury Response to Findings and Recommendations Waterford Unified School District September 28, 2026

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, Waterford Unified School District respectfully submits the following response to the Findings and Recommendations contained in the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury report regarding Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees.

Finding 1:

Waterford Unified School District acknowledges the Grand Jury's countywide finding regarding transparency requirements. The compliance review contained within the report found Waterford Unified School District compliant in all reviewed transparency categories, including posting meeting minutes, annual Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee reports, and annual financial and performance audits.

Recommendation 1:

Recommendation has already been implemented. As noted in the Grand Jury's compliance review, Waterford Unified School District posts Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting minutes, annual reports, and required financial and performance audits in accordance with applicable Education Code requirements.

Finding 2:

Waterford Unified School District acknowledges the Grand Jury's countywide finding regarding Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee membership requirements. The compliance review contained within the report found Waterford Unified School District compliant with membership requirements.

Recommendation 2a:

Recommendation has already been implemented. The Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury's compliance review found Waterford Unified School District compliant with Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee membership requirements as outlined in Education Code Section 15282 and District bylaws.

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Recommendation 2b:

Recommendation has already been implemented. Waterford Unified School District will continue to review the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee membership and term limits to ensure ongoing compliance with Education Code Section 15282 and District bylaws.

Waterford Unified School District appreciates the efforts of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury in reviewing the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee practices throughout the county and identifying opportunities to strengthen transparency and public participation.

Although the District was found to be compliant with the applicable Education Code requirements governing Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees, Waterford Unified School District remains committed to continuous improvement and community engagement. The District has already implemented several of the opportunities highlighted in the report, including enhancing the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee webpage with photos and information regarding bond funded projects and construction progress, as well as posting anticipated meeting dates.

As vacancies occur, Waterford Unified School District will continue to actively recruit qualified community members to serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and encourage interested residents to apply. With the District's current bond program nearing completion and approximately one year of committee meetings anticipated to remain, Waterford Unified School District remains committed to maintaining transparency, accountability, and meaningful public oversight of voter approved bond expenditures through the conclusion of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Araseli Zamora
Business Manager
Waterford Unified School District