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# Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “Water Conservation: Sober Up San Diego, The Water Party Is Over”

On February 11, 2008 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to the Mayor, the City Council, and the Water Department Director entitled “Water Conservation: Sober Up San Diego, The Water Party Is Over.” The report, which examined water use and conservation efforts in the city of San Diego, included six findings and 14 recommendations aimed at increasing water conservation.

The City Council is required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on all of the findings and nine of the 14 recommendations included in the Grand Jury Report by May 13, 2008. The Mayor is also required to provide comments on each of the findings, but for only two of the recommendations. However, given the citywide nature of the topic involved, the Mayor has elected to respond to each and every finding and recommendation. For each item that the Council must respond to, the Council may either join the Mayor’s response, modify the Mayor’s response, or respond independently. This report presents the Council’s responses as recommended by the IBA.

The IBA recommends that the City Council adopt the following as it’s response to the Grand Jury Reports:

Recommendations:	08-05, 08-06, 08-07, 08-08, 08-09, 08-10, 08-12, 08-14	<b><i>Join the Mayor's Response</i></b>
Findings:	1, 2, 3, 4	
Recommendation:	08-13	<b><i>Modify the Mayor's Response</i></b>
Finding:	6	
Finding:	5	<b><i>Respond Independently of the the Mayor</i></b>

The full text of the Mayor's responses, and the recommended modifications and independent response on behalf of the City Council, can be found in the attachment to this report.

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