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TOWN OF
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October 27, 2026

Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Town of San Anselmo Response to the Civil Grand Jury Report "MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes"

Dear Foreperson,

Enclosed please find the Town of San Anselmo's formal response to the [Date] Civil Grand Jury Report titled, *"MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes."* The response addresses the findings and recommendations relevant to the Town and outlines the actions the Town is taking or plans to take in response to the report.

We appreciate the Civil Grand Jury's thoughtful review of housing challenges in Marin County and welcome the opportunity to provide our perspective. Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding our response, please do not hesitate to contact me at hscoble@sananselmo.gov.

Sincerely,

Bridget Wipfler
Climate Action Coordinator

Enclosure: Town of San Anselmo Response to the Civil Grand Jury Report *"MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes."*

Cc:
Steve Burdo, Mayor
Members of the San Anselmo Town Council
Dave Donery, Town Manager

Serge Avila, Town Clerk

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT TITLE: **"MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes"**

REPORT DATE: **June 16, 2026**

RESPONSE BY: **Town of San Anselmo**

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F4, F5
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: None
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: None

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- I (we) agree with the recommendations numbered: R5
- I (we) disagree partially with the recommendations numbered: R6
- I (we) disagree wholly with the recommendations numbered: None

Date: 9/2/2026

Signed: Signed by: Steve Burdo B689DEF96589411...

Steve Burdo, Mayor
Town of San Anselmo

Number of pages attached: 3

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County of Marin Response to Grand Jury Report Findings and Recommendations
"MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes"
(July 16, 2026)

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS

F4. Many Board members have — quite understandably — limited expertise regarding a large and complex company such as MCE.

Response: **Agree**

The Town agrees that many Board members understandably have limited specialized expertise regarding MCE's operations. The Town also believes MCE should provide robust onboarding, recurring training, clear decision materials, and access to independent technical and legal advice so that all Board members can exercise informed oversight.

F5. All MCE Board members are local elected officials who face competing demands on their limited time and resources; as a result, meeting attendance has often been poor, and insufficient for optimally effective governance.

Response: Agree

The Town agrees that reliable attendance by either the appointed representative or designated alternate is important to effective governance. San Anselmo has maintained consistent representation and will continue to use its designated alternate when the primary representative is unavailable.

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

R5. By December 31, 2026, all of MCE's Marin jurisdictions, and preferably all 38 jurisdictions covered by MCE, should implement a process by which its appointed Board member, or, in that person's absence, the designated alternate member, commits to attending each regular Board meeting.

This recommendation has been implemented.

The Town appoints both a primary MCE Board representative and a designated alternate and expects one of them to attend each regular Board meeting. When the primary representative is unavailable, the alternate is contacted to attend. The Town will continue to consider attendance and availability when making its annual appointments to regional bodies and will periodically review its representation to support consistent participation and continuity. The Town also supports MCE's consistent administration of its attendance requirements and timely communication with member jurisdictions when attendance concerns arise.

R6. By December 31, 2026, all of MCE's Marin jurisdictions, and preferably all 38 jurisdictions covered by MCE, should reassess their appointments of chosen Board members to prioritize those with the most extensive financial and energy expertise.

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Financial and energy expertise are not anticipated to be the controlling criterion for every appointment. The Town agrees that a combination of relevant financial and energy governance experience, institutional knowledge, state compliance, continuity of service, and the ability to represent the community effectively should be considered when appointing an MCE Board representative from the Town. Accordingly, San Anselmo will continue to appoint the councilmember best positioned to provide consistent and meaningful oversight, considering specialized expertise as one important factor among several. The Town also encourages MCE to strengthen Board training and access to independent expertise and to evaluate, through its governance assessment, whether the Board's size and composition provide the expertise and continuity appropriate for an agency of MCE's size and complexity.