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May 2024 Community Advocacy Report Regarding:
the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury Report (2024),
reference the March Joint Powers Authority (MJPA)

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Summary

This MGNA Preliminary Report addresses three California, County Civil Grand Jury reports, regarding their investigations into JPA's in their counties. The MGNA Board highly recommends and encourages its Allied Community Members (voters-tax payers-citizens) to read and make familiar these reports to themselves, available on line and they are:

1. The Riverside County Civil Grand Jury (RCGJ) Report: March Joint Powers Authority (MJPA), Marginally Transparent, March 21, 2024
2. The Nevada County Grand Jury (NCGJ) Report: Joint Powers Authorities: What You Kneed to Know. 2020/2021
3. The Orange County Civil Grand Jury (OCGJ) Report: Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency, 2014-2015

The Riverside County Civil Grand Jury is primarily the only Authorized Government Agency that provides oversight functions for county government inquiries from the community on elected officials and other organizations concerning misconduct (riverside.courts.ca.gov) As such, the RCGJ was charged with the investigation into the MJPA and reported on its investigation under the above mentioned RCGJ report, (Summary #1.)

Cause for the RCGJ Investigation (RCGJ pg. 6):

1. Most residents are unaware of what a JPA is and how it functions.
2. There is no federal, state, or local agency that directly monitors or supervises a JPA.
3. The Grand Jury has the legal authority to directly monitor the March JPA
4. The March JPA can influence the quality of life for Riverside County residents.
5. Large Sums of public money flow through the March JPA.

Findings of the RCGJ Investigation (RCGJ pg. 21-22):

- Numerous internal policy and procedure failures were discovered
- Numerous California State statute violations were discovered
- Numerous unacceptable policy and procedure failures in the areas of accountability, accessibility, transparency, oversight, compliance and daily operations were discovered
- Organizationally, the MJPA excludes voters-tax payers-citizens from the internal operations

At Issue

The MGNA Board of Directors upon receipt, review and discussion regarding the above noted RCGJ report determined that a furthered examination of said document and the accompanying

documents was in order. It was determined that MGNA needed to formulate a position regarding the outcome to these Grand Jury investigations and report to its Community Alliance Members of the same. It should be noted by the reader that all *in text citations* herein were obtained from the three Grand Jury reports, government-academic-industry and public source online data, and the reader is encouraged to access said cited sources for further edification.

MGNA in its review and deciphering of these Grand Jury reports discovered that an abundant amount of *Information* is embedded in the text of these 3 documents by means of key words, phrases and statute jargon. Due to the abundance of *Information*, and linked data cited, this preliminary report will be focused primarily on the reported organizational structure of the MJPA, its officers and employees as defined in California Government Code Section 87200 ([leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://leginfo.ca.gov)), and what appears to be a purposeful and intentional scheme or artifice to evade *Honest Services* owed to the voters-tax payers-citizens of Riverside County.

Discovery

The MJPA organizational structure is detailed in the RCGJ Report on pages 4-6, under the titles of: *March JPA's Governmental Structure, Illustration 1, Illustration 2 and Advisory Committees*. In order to understand the March Joint Powers Authority structure the reader needs go the March Joint Powers Authority website at (marchjpa.com) regarding the MJPA Commission Members and the MJPA Committees Members who are elected, appointed or are paid employees of the County of Riverside and or the Cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris. (see *GOV. CODE. 87200 mentioned in the previous paragraph*), and the MJPA Executive Staff and employees.

It appears that the MJPA is a Closely Held-Closed Vertical Organization that expressly excludes the diverse community of Riverside County voters, tax payers and citizens from any of its Advisory Committees. "*Membership in advisory committees is comprised of management personnel from the four governmental agencies comprising the March JPA and a representative from California's 41st Congressional Office (RCGJ pg. 6)*

According to the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Attorney's Office, this type of organizational structure is prone to sophisticated-influenced and organized white collar professional misconduct that functions similar to Corporate Service Providers/ Shell Companies (*David Jancsics Ph. D., Shell Companies and Government Corruption, 2018*) that are intentionally *cloaked to camouflage* and avoid citizen, regulatory and enforcement agency oversight. In going to the websites of the MJPA, the County of Riverside, the City of Riverside, the City of Perris and the City of Moreno Valley and various social platforms for professional profiles, the MJPA Commission Members, MJPA Committees Members and the MJPA Executive Staff similarly possess Graduate and or Under Graduate Degrees in: Government Management, Planning, Real Estate, Development, Engineering, Business, Finance, Law, (etc) and in some cases, some of them are active duty and or retired military Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) and or Officers. It is unconceivable that the MJPA, a professional white collar organization could operate a government entity where so many policy, procedure and statute failures were investigated and uncovered by the RCGJ.

Closing Statement

MGNA will continue its efforts to decipher the abundant *Information* discovered in these documents and report to its Allied Community Members regarding the MJPA's Viability, Operations, Accessibility and Transparency, Solvency and Statute Compliance issues as reported by the RCGJ. MGNA will also communicate with the respective government entities noted in these documents to encourage compliance with the RCGJ Report. MGNA will voluntarily cooperate with the regulatory and enforcement agencies as deemed necessary unless MGNA is otherwise compelled to do so by law regarding the discovery of further critical *information*././bc