

Log of Comments and Authors' Responses

Public Review Draft Library MSR

| Comment # | Attachment # | Commenter | PRD MSR Page * | Comment (Abridged) | MSR Author's Response |
|-----------|--------------|---|----------------|--|---|
| 1 | | Commissioner Mary Piepho, Dec. 12, 2012 | p. 25 | Expressed interest in content related to library funding ballot measures. | Added further content. |
| 2 | | Commissioner Sharon Burke, Dec. 12, 2012 | p. 22 | Add content identifying communities without libraries, such as Alamo and Bethel Island | Added. |
| 3 | | Commissioners Mary Piepho & Don Tatzin, Dec. 12, 2012 | p. 72 | Concerned about the property tax allocation problems for CSA LIB-10 (Pinole), and need for further explanation. | The County Auditor-Controller and CAO office were asked to research historical finance information. |
| 4 | | Commissioner Don Tatzin, Dec. 12, 2012 | p. 58 | Review Table 5-5 for inconsistencies, particularly property tax estimates | Revised. |
| 5 | | Gail McPartland, Contra Costa County Library, Dec. 10, 2012 | pp. 21, 56 | Correct Walnut Creek Library square footage to 42,000 sq. ft. | Revised Tables 3-5, 5-2, 5-3, and 5-4. |
| 6 | A | Wendy Lack, Public comment, Dec. 24, 2012 | pp. 51-52 | Include information on CCCL pension and OPEB liabilities. | The County Auditor-Controller and CAO office were asked to estimate the CCCL share of pension and OPEB liability. Results are expected by the Jan. 9 LAFCO meeting. |
| 7 | | | pp. 51-52 | County pension costs are projected to increase 21 percent over the next three years, according to the County Administrator's FY 12-13 budget presentation. These costs have the potential to erode library services. | Noted. |
| 8 | | | p. 30 | Regarding privatization, characterizing reduced employee compensation as a disadvantage to the public is unfounded and absurd. | Revised. |

Log of Comments and Authors' Responses

Public Review Draft Library MSR

| Comment # | Attachment # | Commenter | PRD MSR Page * | Comment (Abridged) | MSR Author's Response |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|---|--|
| 9 | | | p. 30 | Regarding privatization, characterizing reduced operational control as a disadvantage should be explained. It contradicts the experience of government agencies that successfully contract for services. | Clarified. |
| 10 | | | p. 30 | Public agencies should be encouraged to pursue privatization as a long-term cost-control strategy. CCCL and Richmond should ensure labor agreements permit privatization of services without restriction. | Noted. |
| 11 | | | p. 30 | Privatization is a reasonable alternative. The privatization discussion is biased in favor of the status quo. The report assumes the library's primary role is to provide library workers with jobs and pensions rather than to provide the public with library services. | The report accurately notes that privatization is effectively precluded by current California law. |
| 12 | | | p. 50 | CCCL's last strategic plan was developed in 2006. Lack of a more recent strategic plan is troubling, given fiscal challenges and the evolving role of libraries in a technologically sophisticated society. | Noted. |