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July 18, 2001

The Honorable Thomas F. Mathews
Judge of the Superior Court, Department 1
Yuba County Superior Court
215 Fifth Street
Marysville, CA 95901

RE: RESPONSE TO THE 2000-01 GRAND JURY REPORT

Dear Judge Mathews:

As required, I am responding to the 2000-01 Grand Jury report as it relates to the section on the Marysville Joint Unified School District. We are pleased with the comments made by the Grand Jury on the soundness of our business practices. We are proud of the high level of effectiveness and efficiency with which we perform these duties. These practices allow us to focus on and maximize the resources needed to provide a high quality education to the students and families we serve.

The first finding was a potential weakness in the handling of cash generated from school club activities at school sites throughout the Marysville Joint Unified School District. This finding is consistent with our own internal and external audits. We are addressing these issues (see below) and will work toward addressing the issue of how to ensure checks and balances with the intake of cash monies from the sale of tickets to events and fundraising activities and continue our close auditing of those procedures and practices. As we work toward expanding our safeguards, it should be noted this is an issue that is not unique to our district, but one that is statewide as we ask students to account for funds generated from students paying to attend dances, rallies, football games, etc. This is not an excuse for not improving our practices, but to let the court know we regularly share effective practices with other schools and districts as they address the same concerns. In fact, that is the manner in which we were able to identify the Blue Bear accounting program now being used in the district.

The second finding addresses a specific concern about how the Blue Bear Computer Accounting Software has been implemented at Lindhurst High School. While one of the users indicated she had not had proper training, the

vendor did, in fact, provided initial and follow-up training for all users. In addition, personnel in our technology and business departments have been identified to provide support and additional training for every user. However, this finding will be the basis upon which we will re-assess the training needs of all users of this program and develop appropriate inservice opportunities for them during the first semester of the 2001-02 school year.

The first recommendation asks us to continue to monitor the procedures used for club and PTO funds and to attempt to implement a checks and balances system for private funds. We appreciate this recommendation and find that the management of cash that comes into student body and club accounts is a difficult, at best, task that needs consistent policies, regulations, and monitoring. Our purchase last year of the Blue Bear Computer Accounting Software is the most comprehensive attempt we have made to ensure a checks and balances system of accounting for student body and club funds at the schools using this software. We will continue to work with staff and students to improve our collection and deposit procedures, as well as how the monies are accounted for and expended (see our response to the training of personnel below). To ensure an ongoing monitoring of our effectiveness in this area, this will be a critical area our external auditors will annually test and report back to the staff, Board, and public on our successes and need for improvements. Those recommendations will continue to be implemented to the best of our ability.

The part of the first recommendation we cannot implement is the placing of controls on PTO, PTA, and other parent groups (i.e. PRIDE, booster clubs). By law, these organizations operate independent of the school district. They are required to provide their own checks, balances, and audits as established by the organizational by-laws. Upon request, we regularly provide suggestions on how they can maintain their books in an effective manner. However, we do not have a legal relationship or responsibility for these groups and, as such, do not monitor, control, or audit their practices. Therefore, recommendations on their practices need to be addressed to each organization individually.

The second recommendation addressed our need to further train our staff responsible for the use of the Blue Bear system. Upon the installation and implementation of the use of this program, each user was provided with multiple days of staff development and follow-up. In addition, specific district staff in both our technology and business departments has been identified to support the use of the program at our high schools and middle schools. The Grand Jury reports that some individuals do not believe this has been adequate. In response, we will survey the users of the Blue Bear program to identify training needs. Based on those identified needs, further staff training programs will be implemented during the first semester of the 2001-02 school year.

I believe our responses will satisfy the court that we have taken the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury serious. We welcome input on these responses if needed.

If you have further questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can provide any additional information required.

Sincerely,

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Marc B. Liebman, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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TO: Honorable James Curry, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
FROM: Steve Roper, Chief Probation Officer *[Signature]*
DATE: August 6, 2001
SUBJECT: **Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations**

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Dear Judge Curry,

Provided pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c) are the comments of the Board of Supervisors related to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2000/2001 Grand Jury Final Report. Consistent with Section 933(c), responses do not address departments under the control of elected officials or outside agencies, except where a specific response was solicited and then our response is consistent with provisions of Penal Code Section 933.05 (c). Therefore, we incorporate the responses of the various departments with our response.

HUMAN SERVICES/ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Recommendation #2: The County should consider encouraging the construction of specialized housing for ambulatory and dependent adults.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. Recognizing the shortage of residential care options, the Board is supportive of the outreach efforts currently being undertaken by APS to encourage the construction and expansion of affordable, privately operated specialized housing for clients under their care. County strategic planning goals include the exploration of grant funding options for the development of a county operated specialized housing element within a comprehensive Adult Protective Service continuum of care model. Although the current fiscal climate does not allow for the dedication of general funds to this undertaking, the Board is supportive of the innovative funding strategies and grant development occurring within the Human Services Agency. To this

end, the Board has provided the department with resources necessary to research and develop grant and foundation funding options.

PUBLIC WORKS/ROADS DEPARTMENT

Finding #3: Although the Board of Supervisors initially allocated money for road construction and repair, it subsequently directed the money for the Raceway projects.

Response: The Board disagrees with this finding. As indicated in the Board's response to the 1999/200 Grand Jury, in July 1999, the Board of Supervisors conceptually approved a financing plan for the Plumas-Arboga Interchange at Highway 70. This plan included a County contribution of \$3,992,000 (\$3,304,000 on STIP funds and \$688,000 in STP/TEP 21 funds). The interchange will serve the Plumas Lake Specific Plan residential area, the County's industrial zone, the Sacramento Valley Amphitheater, and Yuba County Motorplex. Had the funds not been allocated for the interchange project, the project would not have been approved for construction by CalTrans, SACOG and the California Transportation Commission. The funds could have been used for local road projects or to augment State funds for highway projects, however, the Board recognized the dramatic economic development impact that the Plumas-Arboga Interchange would have in the future development of Yuba County and therefore, allocated its discretionary state and federal transportation funds accordingly.

Recommendation #1: Continue to explore ways to restore the \$5 million to the road repair fund.

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. As future development occurs in the Plumas Lake Specific Plan, development impact fees collected will be made available for County road projects. The Board of Supervisors has invested heavily in economic development so that the County's economic and financial future will be improved, thereby allowing greater future funding for roads.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Finding #2: Trained sheriff's personnel leave for other jurisdictions after getting training in Yuba County.

Response: The Board agrees with this finding and recognizes this is a historical county-wide dynamic not unique to the Sheriff's department. On balance however, the county and particularly the Sheriff's department is blessed with a large core of dedicated

employees with significant tenure in public service to the citizens of Yuba County. The Sheriff, in collaboration with the Risk Management/Personnel Department has undertaken a yearlong recruitment and retention planning process to study ways to impact these issues. Inclusive in this process is the planned implementation of a pre-employment training agreement which would ensure retention of employees for a specified period of time commensurate with the training and fiscal investment made in their professional development. A similar agreement has been in place in Probation for some years.

Finding #3: During this Grand Jury's term, the Yuba County Sheriff's office has not been staffed at full capacity and has positions it seeks to fill.

Response: The Board agrees with finding with the following clarification. The various functions of the Sheriff's department have been allocated positions to the operational levels consistent with current workload. Many of the allocated positions remain vacant however, due in part to challenges in the area of recruitment, qualifying candidates to mandated background standards and retention issues. Additionally, 17 new positions were allocated to the Jail Division during fiscal year 2000/2001.

Recommendation # 1: Yuba County should take a serious look at retaining its deputy sheriffs by having a salary commensurate with counties of similar size. In doing so, it should consider the expenses it incurs in training deputies and jailers, only to have them leave after they become seasoned/experienced law enforcement personnel.

Response: This recommendation requires further analysis and study. The county plans to undertake a salary and compensation study in approximately February of 2002 in preparation for negotiations with the various bargaining units, which represent sheriff personnel. Counties used for comparison purposes include Butte, Nevada, Yolo and Sutter. The goal of the Board has been and remains, providing compensation for employees that is competitive, and consistent with counties of similar size, while remaining within the fiscal realities confronting Yuba County. The Board supports and recognizes the exemplary efforts being made by the Sheriff in aggressively conducting recruitment outreach to area educational institutions to broaden the candidate pool, the development of a Cadet Program to foster interest in area youth in a career in local law enforcement and the streamlining of the hiring process while maintaining the highest standards of candidate screening. It is hoped the pre-employment agreement strategy will have a stabilizing affect on the workforce by formalizing the commitment and investment the county makes in developing local law enforcement personnel.

Recommendation # 2: Yuba County should review why 61.5 percent of the INS money is allocated to the general fund, when the Yuba County Sheriff's office is responsible for doing all the day-to-day work associated with these inmates.

Response: The recommendation has not been implemented but will be implemented in the future. Annually, the revenue sharing formula for the distribution of jail bed revenue is reviewed during budget preparation. The expansion of the Yuba County Jail to its current capacity was accomplished through the use of State grant monies, and substantial general fund match. It is, as are all county facilities and operations, intended to serve the general benefit of the county and its residents. Rental of bed space to other entities, when local utilization is low, allows for a revenue return on the county's investment. This revenue offsets the costs of operations, and is shared with the department pursuant to annual negotiations with our Board. The balance accrues to the general fund, and has assisted in reducing budgetary shortfalls over the years. Over the last twenty-seven years a similar successful strategy has been utilized at the Juvenile Hall. In this regard, 100% of the generated revenue is utilized as a reduction to the budget appropriation and no direct revenue enhancement accrues to the department. This Board acknowledges and commends the staff of the Yuba County Jail for their exemplary service and dedication. Likewise, this Board recognizes that the general fiscal condition of the County has been improved by the service of these employees.

The Board extends its most heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated members of the 2000/2001 Grand Jury for their time, talent, and interest in fostering more effective, efficient local government. Through the efforts of such unselfish and dedicated citizens, the quality of life in our community is improved immeasurably. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hal Stocker
Chairman

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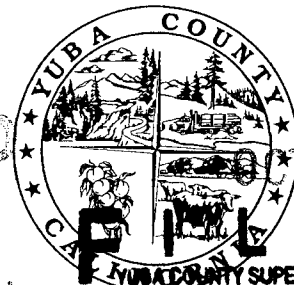
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September 11, 2001

To: Robert Bendorf, CAO

From: Mike Noda, Director Health and Human Services *Mike Noda*

Subject: Grand Jury Responses

I. Response to Yuba County Human Services Adult Protective Services Recommendations.

#1. The Department of Social Services Director should consider seeking further grant funding for APS.

The Department agrees with this recommendation. The Department has expanded its grant writing capability in its recent budget to address additional funding for APS and other Health programs. Specifically we have added 3 additional staff for a specialized fiscal and grant writing unit in the Health Division.

#3. The Department of Social Services Director should explore further means of educating the community regarding this very valuable service.

The Department agrees with this recommendation. The Department will continue to support staff efforts to provide public education of the APS program. Staff has attended Community Health Fairs, community outreach meetings, and met with other community based organizations to inform them of APS services.

II. Response to Yuba County Human Services Children's Protective Services Recommendations.

#1. CPS should consider the creation of a court liaison/information system for parents and other family members in conjunction with the state-mandated Family Court Services Center.

The Department must work with the Family Court to address this recommendation and will take this issue under advisement.

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#2. CPS management needs to explore the feasibility of using tape recorders or other timesaving devices to ease the time constraints faced by social workers.

This recommendation is in effect. The social workers have had tape recorders and Dictaphones in which to record their contacts since 1998. Additional clerical staff were added to each unit to assist the social workers by:

- 1) Going to the various agencies from which we need records and reports, gathering these reports and bringing this information back to the social worker;
- 2) Entering the information which the social workers dictate into the tape recorders and Dictaphones into the case record in the computer system, CWS/CMS;
- 3) Assisting in the completion of paperwork and filing all paperwork received in the cases;
- 4) Typing letters which request progress reports from our service providers and tracking the receipt of the progress reports for the social worker which includes follow-up letters & phone calls to providers;
- 5) Drug testing our adults as required

All of the above tasks were done by social workers previously. With the addition of this clerical support staff to each of the units, countless hours of the social workers time has been "freed up" to do other duties.

We continue to assess additional duties in which the clerical support staff can perform which would "free up" additional time for the social worker. We continue to look at new equipment, as it becomes available on the market and assess its potential for being a time saver for the social worker staff

#3. CPS management should formalize training and should require caseworkers to undergo stress management and ethnic/cultural diversity counseling.

This recommendation is in effect. We have an induction-training program which consists of the following:

- 1) Written, detailed training material : CPS Induction Training Manual, Court Reports, Investigations, Policy and Procedures specific to CPS, Juvenile Laws and Rules publication which are all given to social worker staff for reference material
- 2) Attendance in the formalized training program through the University of Davis which consist of 21 days on subject matter related specifically to CPS such as Risk Assessment, Emergency response protocol, etc.
- 3) Attendance in the Peace Officers Standards Training (POST) which consist of forty hours,
- 4) Training on the CWS/CMS computer which is used in Children Services statewide which consists of 80 hours.

Induction training consists of eight weeks of the CPS trainer going over in detail with the new social worker all the material listed above and then some "field training" in which the new social workers work on a specific referral with the trainer giving them constant feedback and direction.

After the induction-training period, the new social worker is assigned to an actual unit. They are given a limited caseload for the next three months so they may transition into the position with greater ease. The daily interaction/training/guidance between the Supervisor and the new social worker is intensive and constant for the first year on the job.

Stress Management training is available to all staff who wish to go. We are looking into bringing in some new and different trainings on the subject of stress

management and all staff will be strongly encouraged to attend. Ethnic and cultural diversity training is offered each year and some areas are covered in the annual civil rights trainings which is mandatory for all staff to attend.

#4. CPS should adopt written procedures for handling complaints by staff.

There currently exists written policy and procedure for all staff in Social Services, which is gone over in detail at our in-house orientation with all new staff, concerning interpersonal relationships and a format to exercise if the employee encounters difficulty with another employee of the agency.

A written policy on handling complaints by staff solely for the Children services would be inappropriate. While there is no written, formal policy for the agency, there is and has been the standing practice that the employees are to consult with their Supervisors on any problems, difficulties, issues they are experiencing with the job. The Supervisor, then assess the problem, difficulty or issue, determines an appropriate plan of action which could include bringing the matter to the attention of their manager, requesting it be an agenda item for the next Supervisor's or Manger's meetings, etc. and then provides the employee with feedback about what their plan of action will be. Complaints would be included in the above.

#5. CPS should consider making available at the Family Resource Centers and other similar agencies a juvenile justice system information pamphlet for interested persons.

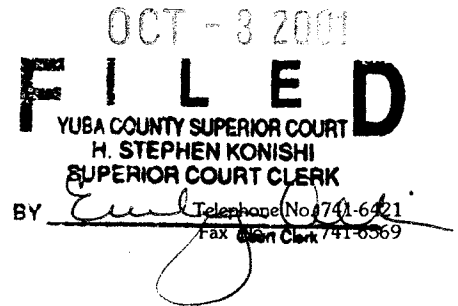
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September 7, 2001

To: Robert Bendorf, County Administrator
From: Kevin Mallen, Interim Director of Public Works 
Subject: Grand Jury Report for 2000-01 FY

The Grand Jury Report lists three findings and three recommendations with regards to the Yuba County Public Works Department. Pursuant to Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code, my responses are provided herewith:

Findings:

- 1) While the County has 30 employees working for Public Works, only 16 are assigned to road crews.
- 2) Public Works does not break down the moneys expended in each supervisorial district, instead it uses the Pavement Management System.
- 3) Although the Board of Supervisors initially allocated moneys for road construction and repair, it subsequently directed the money for the Raceway projects.

Recommendation No. 1: "Continue to explore ways to restore the \$5 million to the road repair fund.

Response: This is a continuing effort to obtain as much funding as possible for the maintenance and construction of roads. If additional moneys become available, the Public Works Director will make every effort to see that an appropriation is made to the Road Fund. The moneys that have been designated by the Board of Supervisors toward the interchange project is believed to eventually benefit the entire County and in the future, additional revenues will also benefit the Road System.

Recommendation No. 2: "In addition to the main arterial roads, the Public Works Department should begin making needed repairs to lesser-used county roads. For these lesser-used roads, it would seem appropriate to allocate a certain amount of money for each supervisorial district so citizens throughout the county benefit from needed road repairs.

Response: It has been the policy for most counties to provide transportation for the majority of the public on the major "arterial" roads rather than for only a few that use the minor roads. However, in the current Director's Transportation Plan which already has been implemented, several of the minor roads have been overlaid, seal coated, or resurfaced. Also, the major roads receive special State and Federal funding which can only be spent on those specified routes. The available funding for all other roads is primarily received from gas tax. The Public Works Department Accounting separates maintenance by Supervisorial District and in reviewing the records, it has been found that based on percentage of miles in each district, the maintenance is usually spent proportionately. However, the State has impressed upon the Public Works Department that there is **only one maintenance district in each County. And overall, it is the responsibility of the Road Commissioner to provide the Yuba County public safe routes to travel.**

Recommendation No. 3: "Increase employees who are actually involved in road repair. Currently over half the staff serves an administrative or supervisorial function.

The function of the Department over the past few years has shifted from just Road Department to Public Works Department and services many functions other than Road Fund. The divisions of the Public Works Department are County Surveyor: - Land Division; Automotive Services Fund: - Pool Vehicles; Drainage Budget: - Maintenance, and construction of large drainage projects; Linda Lighting Maintenance District; Gledhill Landscaping District: - E. & W. Linda Parks; and approximately 55 County Service Areas: - Maintenance and Construction of Rural Roads not within the County System.

The Director of Public Works currently has 40 allocated positions, 35 of which are filled. The administrative staff of 4 support the above-mentioned divisions. There are also 4 engineering staff currently supporting all other maintenance and construction of roads, one County Surveyor and one office assistant for adm/engr support for a total of 11. Unfilled positions are Assistant PW Director, Managing Engineer, PW Project Coordinator, and two engineering positions.

The field crews include 17 workers and 2 supervisors, the shop crew has 1 Garage Supervisor, 3 mechanics, and 1 office assistant, for a total of 24 field and shop employees.

The field crews service approximately 600 miles of road and the shop crew maintains approximately 250 vehicles. For 6 months of the year 4 to 6 extra help employees are hired to perform duties that cannot be performed by the regular crews because of the workload.

The recommendation to hire additional road workers is believed to be definitely warranted. As funding becomes available, it is planned to increase our staff. However, with exception of State and Federal funding for special contract projects, the balance of our funding comes from gasoline tax, forest reserve, and fines. The revenues from forest reserve have been cut by about 75% over the past 4 years due to loss of timber sales. Fines have reduced down to \$30 - 40,000.

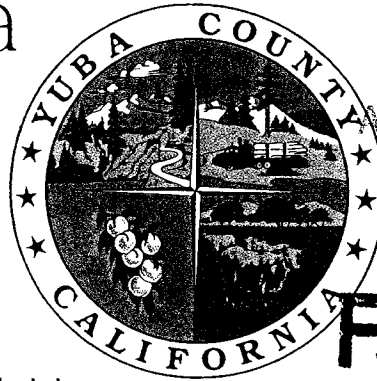
The passage of AB2928, a temporary shift of sales tax to roads, is currently providing additional funding for possibly the next five years which may enable us to hire additional staffing for the road crews, fill vacancies or make necessary corrections in our job assignments. It is not certain how long the extra funding will be available. The Public Works Staff is continually looking for grants or other ways to finance road improvements.

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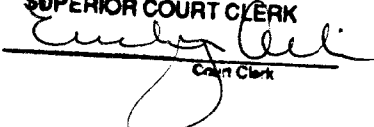
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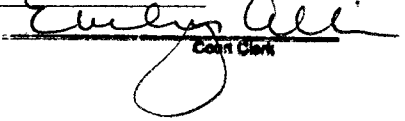
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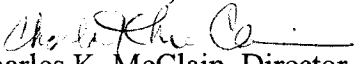
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To: Robert Bendorf, Interim County Administrative Officer
From: 
Charles K. McClain, Director of Administrative Services
Subject: Grand Jury Response - Airport
Date: August 20, 2001

Findings:

1. The Yuba County Airport's expansion appears inevitable upon completion of the Motor Plex raceway.

Agree: The experience of other similarly situated small airports supports this conclusion.

2. The Yuba County Airport needs to complete its 20-year master plan to assure orderly growth.

Agree: The existing master plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1986. The update of the plan has been funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and a combination of state and local matching funds. The development of the work plan for preparation of the update is underway.

Recommendations:

1. Continue to explore grant-funding options to assist in the improvement of the Yuba County Airport.

Implementation continues. The Board of Supervisors has adopted Yuba County Airport 5-year and 10-Year Capital Improvement Plans. Only projects included in the plans are eligible for funding under the FAA Capital Improvement Program. The plans are updated regularly and submitted to the FAA and the State Division of Aeronautics each January. Major airport capital projects are included in the Yuba-Sutter Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan and are eligible for grant funds from the Economic Development Administration and other similar federal grant programs.

2. Contact appropriate agencies to determine what will need to be done before air traffic control operations can again be implemented.

The recommendation will be implemented when the number of operations (take-offs and landings) exceeds FAA minimums for our type of airport. Meanwhile, air control operations will be undertaken periodically for special events such as the annual air show.

3. Create a 20-year master plan that addresses the sale of additional acreage.

This recommendation will be included for implementation upon adoption of the update of the master plan.

4. Consider expansion of the number of aircraft hangers.

This recommendation will be implemented when funds become available or a private development proposal is accepted. Hangars are not grant eligible.



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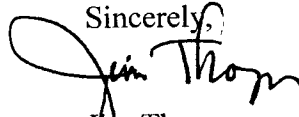
Re: 2000/2001 Grand Jury Report Response

Dear Ms. Allis:

The City of Wheatland wishes to respond to the 2000/2001 Grand Jury Report as follows:

1. The City of Wheatland had applied but was unsuccessful in securing a FEMA grant for the purchase of a new fire truck. The City will continue to pursue grant and/or other financial resources for a fire truck. The City Council has approved a reallocation of developer impact fees in order to increase funds to the Fire Department.
2. The City of Wheatland has been working with CalTrans and the County of Yuba to continue to move forward on the construction of traffic signals on Highway 65 at First Street and at Main Street. The preliminary engineering and design has now been done.
3. The City of Wheatland is currently in the process of replacing the majority of the water distribution lines within the City. Upon completion of this project, re-paving projects will proceed.
4. The City of Wheatland is in the process of developing evacuation procedures and incorporating these plans into a City-wide disaster plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at City Hall (530) 633-2761.

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson
City Administration