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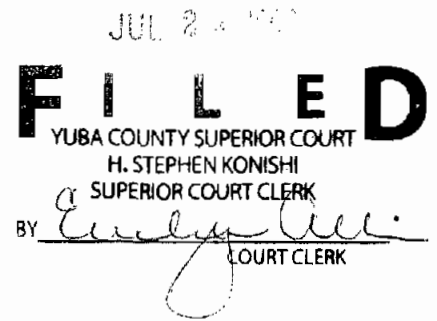


Ms. Terry A. Hansen

(530) 749-7851

July 20, 2006

The Honorable James Curry
Yuba County Superior Court
215 Fifth Street – Suite 200
Marysville, California 95901



Re: Grand Jury Response

Dear Judge Curry:

Though no formal response is required from the Yuba County Clerk Recorder or Yuba County Elections, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the outgoing Grand Jury members for their interest in the election process as Yuba County implemented a new "touchscreen" voting system. Their interest and informed participation was noted and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Terry A. Hansen
County Clerk – Registrar of Voters

Cc: Board of Supervisors

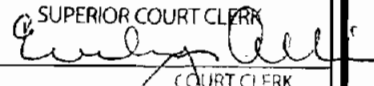


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September 8, 2006

The Honorable James Curry
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RE: Response to 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Curry:

On behalf of the City of Marysville, I want to thank the Grand Jury for taking the time to investigate the City of Marysville's Photo Red Light Enforcement Program. As the Grand Jury has discovered during their investigation, the Program has yielded the intended effects of reducing red light violations in our community. Since the Program has been in place, we have increased traffic safety by reducing the number of injury collisions occurring at those intersections.

As a positive side effect, the City of Marysville has also experienced a city-wide reduction in collisions since the inception of the Program. For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, we had a reduction of 47.7% in traffic collisions occurring in our jurisdiction.

The following information responds to the 2005-2006 Final Grand Jury Report dated June 29, 2006, relative to the "City of Marysville Red Light Camera System." Our responses address Finding Number 1 and Recommendation Numbers 1, 2 and 4.

Finding 1. Officer Hauck is Marysville Police Department's expert in the red light camera systems, but all his time is spent administering this and not making reports.

Recommendation 1. Use non-sworn law enforcement personnel for the task of administering the red light camera systems.

CITY RESPONSE: The City of Marysville continually reviews and modifies the Red Light Program as needed. There is no doubt that Officer Hauck needs

assistance in running the program and the City is currently in the process of providing additional levels of assistance to him. However, there are concerns, both legal and practical, in having the program administered by non-sworn personnel. The City will continue to review this option as part of its ongoing effort to make the program more cost effective and efficient.

Recommendation 2. The City of Marysville should consider the possibility of installing more red light camera systems in other locations.

CITY RESPONSE: The City is currently reviewing several other sites for possible installation of red light camera systems. As the Grand Jury is aware, many of the possible locations for new systems are on State Highways which go through Marysville and must have Cal-Trans approval. Defining the possible sites for the cameras and obtaining the various approvals takes a significant amount of lead time.

Recommendation 4. The increased workload to the Yuba County Superior Court needs to be addressed. One possible solution is for the City of Marysville to fund one court employee and the County to fund one court employee, if red light camera systems are installed in the County. The State of California legislators should be advised because if the system proves viable in Marysville, several other cities in California will install these systems as well.

CITY RESPONSE: As the grand jury may or may not be aware, the State of California receives a significant portion of the fine imposed on red light running. Based on our estimates, the State has already received more than \$450,000 in fine money, since the program was started a little over a year ago. Additionally, Yuba County receives allocated funds from the fines which are to be used for various purposes. To date, the total funding to the County has exceeded \$530,000. Though a significant portion of these funds are encumbered for specific tasks, a specified amount goes to the County general fund. The City recognizes the need for additional staffing at the court, and we have supported an effort by Yuba County to secure grant funding for an additional Clerk position for the Courts.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the 2005-2006 Grand Jury for their dedication to the people of Yuba County and Marysville. We appreciate the findings and recommendations made by the Grand Jury and want them to know that we take these matters very seriously.

Sincerely,



Bill Harris
Mayor



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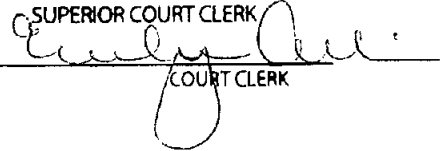
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Re: City of Wheatland Response to Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Curry:

This letter responds to the recent report of the Yuba County Grand Jury relating to the City of Wheatland. This response constitutes the joint comments of the City Council and Mayor Enita Elphick on the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

Grand Jury Finding 1. The City Manager, Financial Director, Police Chief and Planning Inspector are interim employees

Recommendation 1. Replace these interim employees with full-time employees.

Response: The City agrees with the finding. Regarding the recommendation, the City Council is currently considering its options related to its financial capacity to implement the recommendation. The current employment relationship with the first three named positions has been successful and to the benefit to Wheatland citizens. The City has no Planning Inspector position. The City has a contract Planning Director and a part-time Building Inspector. Both positions adequately fulfill the needs of the community. The City will continue to consider the recommendation, but it will not be implemented at this time because it is not warranted.

Grand Jury Finding 2. Wheatland has no "benefits package" for its city employees.

Recommendation 2. Develop a benefit package or buy one to cover the employees and the city.

Response: The City disagrees with the finding. The City has a significant "benefits package" for its city employees. The Package includes sick leave, health insurance, vacation, holidays, social security, a 457 plan and a variety of other miscellaneous benefits. At the time of the interview the City did not have a retirement system other than social security and the 457 plan. On July 11, 2006 the Council approved the establishment of a new retirement plan to further benefit employees. Adequate funding is

still not available to provide PERS benefits for employees. The City will not implement the recommendation at this time because it is not warranted.

Grand Jury Finding 3. There is a need for Public safety dispatcher.

Recommendation 3. Hire a public safety dispatcher.

Response: The City disagrees with the finding. The City has an adequate, effective working contract with Yuba County with dispatch services provided through the Yuba County Sheriffs Department. No change is anticipated. The City will not implement the recommendation at this time because it is not warranted.

Grand Jury Finding 4. The sewer lines do not meet the current usage needs.

Recommendation 4. Research available funding from the USDA and other sources to expedite the sewer replacement.

Response: The finding is unclear and vague and, for that reason, the City disagrees with the finding. The recommendation has been implemented. The City has received USDA approval of funding for infrastructure improvements. The City water system and Wastewater Treatment Plant have already been upgraded and the balance of the needed sewer improvements will be completed this fall and winter.


Grand Jury Finding 5. Traffic light at Highway 65 and 1st Street is not completed as proposed.

Recommendation 5. The traffic light has in the past been funded by individuals and grants (as noted in the 2004-2005 Grand Jury Report) but there is no fund tracking of its usage. An investigation of these funds should be conducted and the traffic light needs should be funded and installed by the start of the 2006 fall school term.

Response: The City agrees with the finding. The traffic light noted above is the sole responsibility of the State of California (CalTrans) and the City is actively working with that agency to accomplish the recommendation. Because the project is a CalTrans responsibility and outside the City's jurisdiction, the recommendation will not be implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Jury report. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,


ENITA ELPHICK
Mayor, City of Wheatland

The County of Yuba

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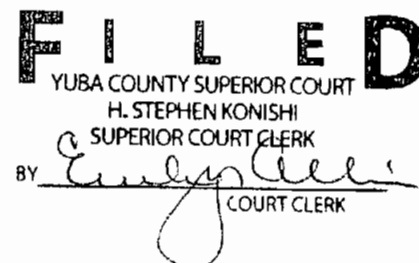


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Re: RESPONSE TO 2005/2006 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

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 2005/06 Grand Jury Final Report. Consistent with Section 933(c), responses do not address departments under 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 responses.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE – RED LIGHT CAMERA SYSTEM

Recommendation #1: Use non-sworn law enforcement personnel for the task of administrating the red light camera systems.

Response: *The recommendation requires further analysis. The red light camera systems are operational in the City of Marysville and there are no systems operating in the unincorporated area of Yuba County. It appears the City of Marysville has worked diligently to implement their systems and reduced the number of accidents at particular locations in which red light cameras were installed.*

The Board of Supervisors is familiar with the program, however system implementation and assignment of staff resources rests with the City of Marysville.

Recommendation #2: The City of Marysville should consider the possibility of installing more red light camera systems in other locations.

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Response: *The recommendation requires further analysis. Consistent with the previous response by the Board of Supervisors the system implementation and assignment of staff resources rests with the City of Marysville. If requested, the Board of Supervisors is open to discussing this issue with the City of Marysville.*

Recommendation #4: The increased workload to the Yuba County Superior Court needs to be addressed. One possible solution is for the City of Marysville to fund one court employee and the county to fund one court employee if they install red light camera systems in the county. The State of California legislators should be advised because if the system proves viable in Marysville, several other cities in California will install these systems as well.

Response: *The recommendation requires analysis by the Superior Court and City of Marysville. The Board of Supervisors agrees with the recommendation should workload impacts dictate additional resources.*

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Finding #2: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the sheriff and BOS concerning the Jail Bed Fund that was addressed by the 2004-2005 Grand Jury Final Report is still out of date and not being followed (see Attachment 3, 4 and 5, pages 68-77).

Response: *The past practice of the Auditor-Controller was to credit the Public Safety Fund with all revenues received by the Jail Bed Fund. This practice has continued with the tacit concurrence of the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrative Office pursuant to discussions and litigation occurring during FY2004-05.*

Recommendation #2: The Jail Bed Fund (MOU) should be updated and followed (see Attachment 3, page 68-69).

Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation.*

Finding #3: The BOS agreed the handling of the \$500,000 reduction of the sheriff's budget was not perfect.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors addressed this issue on June 20, 2006 in an agreement endorsed by the Sheriff whereby future Rural Crime Grant Program Funds would be used to finance additional Sheriff positions on an on-going basis. (See attached June 20, 2006 Board Letter)*

Recommendation #3: The new county administrator and the BOS need to communicate with the individual county departments when making budget transfers or changes.

Response: *Board of Supervisors agrees with this recommendation and always works to ensure that individual county departments are informed when budget transfers or changes are made.*

Finding #4: Although the BOS does not control the expenditures of the sheriff's budget, they do control the number of authorized county employees including deputy sheriffs.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this finding related to control of expenditures within the sheriff's budget. Prior to expending funds based on contracted work (consultants, outside vendors) the Sheriff must obtain approval in certain circumstances prior to the funds being expended, even if the funds are budgeted. The Board of Supervisors does agree with the portion of the finding related to the number of authorized County employees including deputy sheriffs.*

Recommendation #4: The BOS should adjust the budget and increase the number of deputy sheriffs required based upon population growth and number of calls responded to.

Response: *The recommendation has been implemented. At Budget hearings for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the Board of Supervisors further emphasized our commitment to Public Safety and increased the General Fund commitment to the Sheriff's Department by \$1,675,732, over last year's budget. Furthermore, the Jail Division's General Fund contribution was increased over last year's budget by \$1,341,025. In addition, the Board of Supervisors approved six new deputy sheriff positions as well as a new communications dispatcher.*

Finding #5: The BOS does have a strategic plan in place but they do not have a plan to allocate people and resources to achieve the goals in the strategic plan (implementation plan.)

Response: *The Board of Supervisors increased the County's Economic Development current fiscal year budget by over \$26,000 from last year's, nearly a 24 percent increase. In addition, the County continues to fully finance its annual contribution of \$52,000 to the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation.*

Recommendation #5: Along with the strategic plan, the BOS needs an Implementation plan.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation*

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Finding #1: Municipal district reviews have not been done.

Response: *Under State legislation passed in 2000, Local Agency Formation Commissions are separate entities; therefore, the County has no authority over the Local Agency Formation Commission. However, the Board understands that a process*

is underway to address this matter and supports the timely completion of municipal service reviews.

Recommendation #1A: LAFCO should start as soon as practicable to review all municipal districts within Yuba County.

Response: *See above response.*

Recommendation #1B: Obtain funding and contract with an independent inspector to perform the required municipal reviews.

Response: *See above response.*

Recommendation #1C: While reviewing the municipal districts a review and update of their Sphere of Influence should be completed.

Response: *See above response.*

YUBA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Finding #1: The PWD should consider the use of alternative energy sources (such as bio-diesel and solar energy).

Response: *The County will evaluate the cost-benefits of this recommendation.*

Finding #2: The PWD has developed and published a Five Year Roadway System Master Plan. This plan includes a financial analysis section that appears to be extremely dependent upon grant funding from the State of California and the federal government, but the PWD does not have a full-time grant writer or even a grant-writer position. The PWD did have a full-time grant-writer but the county chose to eliminate this position.

Response: *The County will evaluate the cost-benefits of this recommendation. It needs to be noted that most of the funding received for roads from federal and state subventions is formula driven or a result of funding decisions made through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). In addition, road impact fees assessed against new development provides a substantial amount of funding for new interchanges along with the projected construction of the Marysville Bypass.*

Finding #3: Updating and unifying the fragmented storm water drainage system plans would greatly enhance the public health and safety of the residents of the south Yuba County area.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation. The County is currently working with the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority and Reclamation District 784 to implement a more comprehensive storm drainage system.*

Recommendation #3: The PWD, in coordination with all affected agencies and special districts, should develop, update, and maintain a unified master storm water drainage plan for south Yuba County.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation as noted above.*

RECLAMATION DISTRICT #784

Finding #1: 4x4's and dirt bikes that use this part of the levee cause excessive erosion to the levees.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation.*

Recommendation #1: Since this is a concern to everyone living in the levee area, stricter enforcement of levee usage should be implemented.


Response: *The Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation and will work towards solutions to address this concern.*

Finding #2: Levee repairs should be monitored through inspections, and an investigation should be conducted to identify the cause of the damage to improve repairs, identify better repair methods, provide information on how to prevent these occurrences in the future.

Response: *The Board concurs with this recommendation and is working with Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority and Reclamation District 784 to ensure these matters are addressed.*

The Board of Supervisors would like to express their gratitude to the members of the 2005/06 Grand Jury for their dedication and commitment to improving government in Yuba County. Citizens such as you, who are willing to devote their time to community efforts, help make Yuba County a better place for us all.

Sincerely,


Don Schrader, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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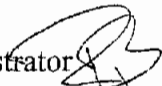

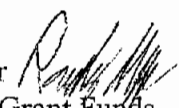
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June 20, 2006

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Robert Bendorf, County Administrator 
Virginia Black, Sheriff 
By Randy Margo, Assistant County Administrator 
SUBJECT: Agreement with Sheriff Concerning Rural Crime Grant Funds

Recommended Action

The Board of Supervisors approves funding additional Sheriff positions on an on-going basis with the caveat that the Sheriff's Department agrees to apply all Rural Crime Grant Funds in perpetuity towards the salaries and benefits for these positions.

Background

The Sheriff's Department receives \$500,000 on an annual basis from the Rural Crime Grant Program. This money is of restricted use for law enforcement services. Because this money is subject to annual appropriation by the State, it is subject to reduction or elimination in any given year. Past practice has been that this money has been left out during early budget phases and later restored during the final stage of budget adoption. As a result, it has caused difficulty in budgeting for Sheriff services, as the State budget is often adopted well after the County's budget.

Discussion

The Sheriff's base budget proposal for fiscal year 2006-07 appropriates \$194,000 from Rural Crime Grant Funds for Sheriff services, which is a fund balance left over from fiscal year 2005-06. Meanwhile, the Sheriff's requested budget proposal for fiscal year 2006-07 appropriates \$694,000 to fund six additional deputy positions, one additional dispatcher, along with office supplies, safety equipment, travel, post schooling and special departmental expenses. Three of these deputy positions are funded from September 1, 2006 through the balance of the fiscal year, while three others are funded starting January 1, 2006. Consequently, the full annualized costs will be higher if these positions and related expenses require on-going appropriations.

The County Administrator's Office supports the requests for additional law enforcement staff, given the County's present and projected needs for patrol services. However, our Office is also mindful of the need to have a prudent financial plan to ensure that County General Funds can meet a variety of Board funding priorities. To that end, the Sheriff

agrees to appropriate all current and future Rural Crime Grant Funds towards on-going annual expenses associated with patrol services.

In addition, and equally as important, the Sheriff has agreed to embark on a staffing analysis along with the County Administrator's Office. This will allow the Sheriff's Department to efficiently plan for the next several years and beyond.

Fiscal Impact

The County Administrator's recommended budget for fiscal year 2006-07 provides for an overall increase in General Fund commitment for Sheriff and Jail services of approximately \$3 million. The proposed action will likely result in an increase in on-going General Funds in order to finance the new positions and related expenses during fiscal year 2007-08 and beyond for the full annualized costs and inflationary factors.

Committee Action

This matter was presented to the Finance and Administration Committee on June 13, 2006, and recommended to the full Board of Supervisors on the Consent Agenda.

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TO: The Honorable James Curry
FROM: Robert Bendorf, County Administrator
By Randy Margo, Assistant County Administrator
SUBJECT: Grand Jury Response FY 2005/06
DATE: October 5, 2006

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We overlooked the response by the County Administrator to Finding #3 and Recommendation #3

Finding #3: The BOS agreed the handling of the \$500,000 reduction of the sheriff's budget was not perfect.

Response: *The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator addressed this issue on June 20, 2006, in an agreement endorsed by the Sheriff whereby future Rural Crime Grant Program Funds would be used to finance additional Sheriff positions on an on-going basis.*

Recommendation #3: The new county administrator and the BOS need to communicate with the individual county departments when making budget transfers or changes;

Response: *The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator agrees with this recommendation and always works to ensure that individual county departments are informed when budget transfers or changes are made.*

Thank you.

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The County of Yuba ADMINISTRATION

Office of the County Administrator

To: Robert Bendorf, CAO
From: John L. Fleming, Economic Development Coordinator
Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report
Date: August 10, 2006

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The Grand Jury "Final Report: 2005-2006" requests an "Implementation Plan" from the Economic Development Department and Board of Supervisors in addition to supporting documentation provided to the Grand Jury within the "Economic Development Strategic Plan." The Grand Jury seems to be seeking input as to the County's financial commitment and resources proposed to address an overall marketing plan which has historically been absent from the Economic Development Strategic Plan and public presentations provided by staff.

I have attached a budget matrix indicating proposed marketing activities associated with dollar amounts as provided for Economic Development business attraction, retention, and expansion tasks. I have also attached a preliminary response I wrote to the Grand Jury and provided through the CAO August 22, 2005.

Please let me know if you require a different or more specific response.

Grand Jury Responses to Findings and Recommendations (5), Grand Jury Final Report: 2005-2006, p. 17

Recommendation 5. The BOS does have a strategic plan in place but they do not have a plan to allocate people and resources to achieve the goals in the strategic plan (implementation plan). "Along with the Strategic Plan, the BOS needs an implementation plan."

Economic Development Implementation Plan: 2005-06

The Economic Development budget request reflects a \$46,900 budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year, a 90.5% increase over the 2005/06 fiscal year economic development budget. An additional \$5,000 will be used this fiscal year to create a marketing piece to promote commercial and retail development within the Olivehurst Specific Plan and only redevelopment project area in unincorporated Yuba County.

"Staff" for the implementation of economic development activities is Economic Development Coordinator John Fleming.

This economic development budget reflects the following 2006/07 economic development priorities given in order:

- 1) Revise and print a minimum of 500 new Yuba County Site Selection Maps
- 2) Develop and print a minimum of 500 2007 Economic Profiles and create associated tradeshow displays and material
- 3) Develop a new print advertising campaign and publish a minimum of 3 Yuba County advertisement in business and trade publications
- 4) Provide membership dues to CALED, UpState California EDC, and ICSC
- 5) Perform activities in tourism, business retention, strategic planning and targeted travel

The attached Implementation Plan Matrix correlates funding amounts with specific tasks associated in the "2006 Economic Development Strategic Plan," pages 3-18.

Economic Development Implementation Plan Matrix – 2006/2007

Category	Comment	Justification and Results	Estimated Cost
Office Supplies:	Used to purchase paper for printing Strategic Plans and general office supplies during prior FY	Allows staff to purchase minor computer software/hardware equipment and office supplies associated with communication, and the creation of documents and presentations	\$1,000
Memberships: CALED ICSC UpState California EDC	Memberships include the California Association of Local Economic Development, Sacramento, International Council of Shopping Centers, New York, and UpState California Economic Development Council, Red Bluff	Memberships provide staff with professional networking opportunities and organizations that can provide assistance for research, case studies, and support for similar economic development efforts	\$3,650
Travel:	The average travel reimbursement for eight months in 2003/2004 was \$286.50/month, includes work-related travel, hotel, food, parking, and associated expenses	Provides staff with a budget to attend membership organization annual meetings and conferences, to promote Yuba County at tradeshows and similar events, and provides reimbursement for local and regional travel expenses	\$5,000
Promotional Items:	Provides the creation of Yuba County promotional items to be used to enhance tradeshow and conference attendance, business meetings, and professional business inquiries and visits	Provides staff with conference-related items that will be utilized in business attraction and business retention efforts that may include graphic material for the County 10' tradeshow exhibit booth, Yuba County pens, conference tote bags, County pins, hats, and other branded items	\$2,000
Economic Development Strategic Plan Programs	Programs identified within the Economic Development Strategic Plan	The Economic Development Strategic Plan is ratified by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution annually to provide an outline of goals and objectives	
Marketing Material: Create and Update Marketing Material	Create and print a new, 2007 Yuba County Site Selection Map and a 2007 Economic Profile and associated marketing material; quotes are attached	Professional marketing material provides Yuba County with a mechanism for appropriately responding to business inquiries and allowing staff to have handouts for business attraction and retention activities	\$10,000
Business Retention: Visitation/Surveys	Hand-carried material and surveys to County businesses, follow-up letters and postage	Provides staff with funding for material, postage and mailing costs for business retention program purposes	\$250
Tourism Promotion:	Update tourism guides, tourism banner, info booth volunteer shirts	Provides a mechanism for Yuba County to promote restaurants, motels, and services to tourists and visitors to the Amphitheatre and other local recreational areas	\$500
Strategic Plan: Publish an Annual Strategic Plan	Update an economic forecast, County demographics and proposed economic development programs within a Strategic Plan document	Provides printing and materials capability for creating 100 Economic Development Strategic Plan hard copies for distribution to local, regional and state/federal officials and organizations	\$1,500
Advertising: Create new ad campaign and Publish 3 Ads to promote Yuba County	Create a new print advertising campaign for 2007 using new faces and endorsements. Publish 3 Yuba County ads in magazines that reflect targeted industries (4 ads are the goal in the Strategic Plan; the last print advertising campaign was developed in 2004). A quote is attached	Print advertising is anticipated to increase Yuba County's visibility and image to the regional and national business and development communities, and generate leads to Yuba County for expansion and relocation efforts	\$23,000
BUDGET TOTAL			\$46,900

This economic development memorandum (dated August 22, 2005) from John Fleming to Kent McClain is a response to the findings made by the Yuba County Grand Jury in 2004/05.

Grand Jury Recommendations (1), Grand Jury Final Report, p. 35

1. *“The Board of Supervisors and the Economic Development office should develop a specific plan to effectively increase commerce within the Linda, Olivehurst, and Plumas Lake areas as well as a plan to promote economic development within the Yuba County Research and Development Park and the Yuba County Rancho Road Industrial and Commercial Park.”*

Economic Development Recommendations Response

Since 2000 the Economic Development Coordinator has created, updated, and annually presented the Economic Development Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors in public meetings. The 2005 Strategic Plan contains eight program areas with defined goals and objectives staff addresses as funding allows; these areas include Business Marketing, Business Attraction, Business Retention, Business Development, Education, Communication, Tourism, and Research, pages 3 – 10. The Strategic Plan is also available and posted online at www.yubacounty.org.

Economic Development activities are conducted through the eight program areas by participating in tradeshow and conferences, producing Economic and Retail Profiles, print advertising, and marketing flyers illustrating the Yuba County Airport, Research and Development Park, the Sports and Entertainment Zone, Rancho Road Industrial and Commercial Park, and the Plumas Specific Plan Area.

Marketing is also promoted through maintaining and updating an economic development, Airport, and Yuba-Sutter Enterprise Zone website at www.yubacounty.org, providing regular press releases to the media, developing local, regional and statewide partnerships, meeting with businesses and developers to encourage attraction and expansion, creating and providing presentations for development interests, creating and publishing tourism information connecting visitors to local businesses, and networking with economic development professionals through affiliations with numerous organizations including the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, UpState California Economic Development Council, California Association of Local Economic Development, and SACTO.

Existing challenges to industrial and commercial development at the Rancho Road Industrial Park and Research and Development Park areas include proximity to major corridors and distance to existing infrastructure. Staff has developed infrastructure studies, coordinating meetings with property owners, and interfaced with local utility districts to encourage the extension of adjacent water and wastewater lines to serve these sites.

Grand Jury Findings (2), Grand Jury Final Report, p. 32

2. *“Mr. Fleming has not provided the County Board of Supervisors with a plan that will specifically target an industry nor a specific business base.”*

Economic Development Findings Response

A “targeted industries” list containing eight major industry sectors can be found on page three of the 2005 Economic Development Strategic Plan. This list was originally generated as a result of a 1997 Sedway Group consulting study providing targeted industry recommendations for the Yuba-Sutter Region.

Since then, the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation and Yuba County Economic Development Coordinator have made additional refinements to the recommendations. Recent attraction, retention, and expansion activities within Yuba County have included a number of industry sectors on this targeted industries list, including Agriculture and Food Processing (Shoei Food's warehouse expansion), Wood Products (Hanson Truss, D & D Cabinets, Packaging Specialists), and construction (Century Cedar Log Homes, Concrete Inc., Patterson Construction), to name a few.

Although not cited specifically in the Strategic Plan, attracting and encouraging retail and commercial development within the south Yuba County area has also become a priority for the Economic Development Coordinator. This concept has been introduced and expanded in reports, memorandums, and presentations to the County Administrator and Board of Supervisors, most recently in a public meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2005 as a 15-minute overview of Yuba County economic development business marketing and attraction strategies.

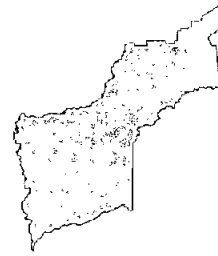
To encourage retail and commercial building, economic development staff has developed economic and retail profiles, targeted International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) tradeshow for meeting and encouraging development interests, coordinated a Linda/Olivehurst sales tax leakage study through CSU Chico's research division, Center for Economic Development, and targeted trade publications for editorials and print advertising to elevate Yuba County's image and recognition.

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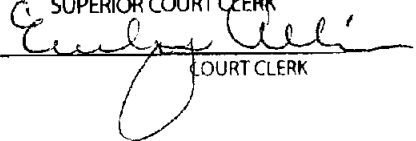
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September 13, 2006

The Honorable James L. Curry
Presiding Judge
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County of Yuba
215 Fifth Street, Suite 200
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Re: LAFCO's Response to 2006 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Curry:

This response is submitted by the Yuba County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), an entity independent of the County of Yuba and its Board of Supervisors, with respect to the 2006 Report of the Yuba County Grand Jury.

FINDING 1. Municipal district reviews have not been done.

RESPONSE: LAFCO agrees that municipal *service* reviews have not been done.

Recommendation 1A. LAFCO should start as soon as practicable to review all municipal districts within Yuba County.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. As of the writing of this response, LAFCO has released a request for proposals to solicit proposals from consultants to prepare Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates for special districts and cities within the County of Yuba. It is anticipated work will begin in October 2006. Additional Municipal Services Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates for the Cities of Marysville and Wheatland will be initiated this fiscal year assuming funding is in place. On June 14, 2006, Lynx Technologies was retained for GIS and support for these reviews.

Recommendation 1B. Obtain funding and contract with an independent inspector to perform the required municipal reviews.

Response: The recommendation to employ independent contractors has been implemented as set forth in the Response to Recommendation 1A. LAFCO has provided funding in the previous two year's budgets for this purpose as well as its current budget.

Recommendation 1C. While reviewing the municipal districts, a review and update of their Sphere of Influence should be completed.

Response: The recommendation to review and update spheres of influence for special districts, including the cities within the County of Yuba has been implemented. LAFCO's work plan for 2006-2007 includes updating of the Spheres of Influence when conducting the Municipal Service Reviews as set forth in the Response to Recommendation 1A.

FINDING 2. LAFCO's policies and procedures, website information, and publicly available materials need to be reviewed for accuracy and compliance with state laws.

RESPONSE: LAFCO agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 2. LAFCO should review and updates its policies and procedures, website, and publicly available materials to ensure accuracy and compliance with changes in California law.

Response: LAFCO adopted Policies and Procedures in August 2005 and will be considering new operational bylaws during the upcoming months. LAFCO believes existing policies and procedures and information provided to the public comply with State law. The Commission makes every effort to continuously review its policies and procedures, as well as information on the website, to assure compliance with State law.

FINDING 3. The Yuba County LAFCO board does not contain representation from independent service areas.

RESPONSE: LAFCO agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 3A. Contact independent service areas so they can appoint two members to sit on the LAFCO board as required by law.

Response: The recommendation can not be unilaterally implemented by LAFCO. Government Code sections 56332 and 56332.5 govern the detailed procedure for seating independent special districts on LAFCO. Bearing in mind that the law does not require special districts to sit on the Commission and that LAFCO itself can not require special districts to sit on the Commission¹, it is one of the goals of the Commission to seek independent special district representation. Yuba LAFCO recognizes the desirability of having special district representation; however, the law only requires independent special district representation when requested by the special districts. No such request has been submitted to date. It is the intention of LAFCO to actively seek independent special district representation for Yuba LAFCO. Should independent special districts opt to be represented on the Commission, then all special districts in the County would be responsible for their share of the LAFCO costs.

Recommendation 3B. Conduct a review of all service areas to establish if they are needed and the possibility of being effectively combined with other service areas to provide better service at lower cost to Yuba County citizens. This review should include all service areas, with special focus on water drainage districts, utility districts, and water districts.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented. This is one of the key elements to be included in the upcoming Municipal Services Reviews described in the responses to Finding 1.

Yuba County Public Works

The Grand Jury also requested LAFCO respond to its findings relating to Yuba County Public Works.

FINDING 3. Updating and unifying the fragmented storm water drainage system plans would greatly enhance the public health and safety of the residents of the south Yuba County area.

RESPONSE: LAFCO agrees with this finding.

Recommendation 3. The PWD, in coordination with all affected agencies and special districts, should develop, update, and maintain a unified master storm water drainage plan for south Yuba County.

¹ Thus, the public member has been correctly appointed.

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Response: The recommendation will not be implemented by LAFCO because LAFCO has no jurisdiction over storm water drainage plans.

This response has been approved by a majority vote of the Yuba County Local Agency Formation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur Aseltine, Chairman
Yuba Local Agency Formation
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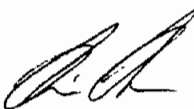
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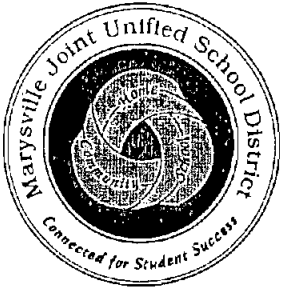
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Date: August 28, 2006
To: Robert Bendorf, County Administrator
From: Kevin Mallen, Director of Public Works 
Subject: Response to 2005/06 Grand Jury Final Report

In the 2005/06 Yuba County Grand Jury Final Report were several Findings & Recommendations pertaining to the Public Works Department. Below are the Department's responses:

- In response to Finding 1 the Public Works Department welcomes the use of commercially available bio-diesel that is at or below the cost of petroleum based diesel. Public Works solicits bids through an open bidding process each year for annual fuel purchase pricing. To date we have not received a bid proposal for bio-diesel although when or if we do in the future we welcome the opportunity to try this type of fuel.
- In response to Finding 2 nearly all of the fuel tax funds identified by the Grand Jury as "grant" type funds are in fact non-competitive funds allocated by various formulas taking into account population, maintained road miles and number of registered vehicles. It is true that competitive grants are continually advertised for various types of infrastructure that could benefit Public Works as well as the County as a whole and that Public Works does not have a full time grant writer to pursue such grants. However Public Works staff is funded either through fuel tax funds or from development service fees and not through the County General Fund. Neither of these funding sources allows the use of the funds for a grant writer position and would require another funding source such as the General Fund. Public Works agrees that a position such as this would be beneficial and should be considered in a larger context such as a position that serves more than one department.
- In response to Finding & Recommendation 3 it is currently the responsibility of Public Works to maintain all drainage in the County within the County road right of way. In addition Public Works is responsible for maintaining the drainage facilities within the South Yuba Master Drainage Plan which consists of various channels, sloughs and detention basins outside the road right of way in the East Linda and Olivehurst areas. Reclamation District 784 is responsible for the other drainage facilities in the Linda, Arboga & Plumas Lake areas outside of the

County road right of way. Both the County and RD 784 have master drainage plans adopted to shape the future improvements of the respective facilities to improve existing conditions as well as accommodate future development. Public Works welcomes the opportunity to work with RD 784 and LAFCO through the municipal service review process that LAFCO will be initiating shortly to evaluate whether things should be performed differently in the future.



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The Honorable James Curry
2004-05 Grand Jury Presiding Judge
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RE: Response to the 2005-06 Final Report of the Grand Jury Report

Dear Mr. Hamilton and Judge Curry:

Attached is the response to the findings included in the 2005-06 Yuba County Grand Jury Report relating to the Marysville Joint Unified School District. The district has reviewed the report specific to the MJUSD and given significant consideration to the four findings and four recommendations made by the Grand Jury for Mary Covillaud Elementary School.

I have directed Dr. Gay Todd, Superintendent of the Marysville Joint Unified School District, to submit the response on behalf of the MJUSD Board of Trustees.

Should you need any further information or follow up, please do not hesitate to contact the district superintendent at 749-6102.

Sincerely,

Jeff Boom
Board President



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August 31, 2006

The Honorable James Curry
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RE: Response to the 2005-06 Final Report of the Grand Jury

Dear Judge Curry:

The 2005-06 Yuba County Grand Jury School's committee reviewed Mary Covillaud Elementary School. As a result of that review, the Grand Jury listed four findings and four recommendations in its final report.

In compliance with Penal Code Section 933.05(b), I am submitting the following response on behalf of the Marysville Joint Unified School District (MJUSD):

Finding #1:

The finding reads:

"The school is in need of a multitude of minor repairs that the janitorial staff does not have time to complete."

Recommendation #1:

The recommendation reads:

"Fund and hire additional janitorial personnel."

District Response:

In an effort to promote greater efficiency, the MJUSD has recently purchased new custodial equipment and realigned the duties of the custodial staff at all 23 of our schools. We have also increased our grounds staff which will allow all site custodians to gradually eliminate grounds-related duties from their daily workload. They can then focus on building cleanliness and minor repairs. The district plans to hire additional grounds staff in the future and to adopt uniform cleaning time guidelines.

Finding #2:

The finding reads:

"Restrooms are not adequate. The restrooms in the cafeteria are in need of renovation."

Recommendation #2:

The recommendation reads:

"Renovate and provide more restroom facilities."

District Response:

The district is currently processing plans and specifications for the complete remodel/upgrade to the boys and girls restrooms in the multipurpose building. This project is scheduled to commence during the 2006-07 fiscal year and should be completed prior to June 30, 2007.

Finding #3:

The finding reads:

"The cafeteria is too small for the students to enter, eat, and clear in an orderly and safe manner. This presently requires excessive staff monitoring and several serving times. The use of the cafeteria as a location for school programs and activities is inadequate and requires these programs to be held over several days or to be moved off campus (Marysville High School)."

Recommendation #3:

The recommendation reads:

"Expand the current cafeteria to support one-half of the school's maximum population. A multipurpose room is needed to support the school's needs during inclement weather and for school programs and activities."

District Response:

The district is currently reviewing potential improvement projects using funding from the recently approved Measure H. Staff will consult with the project architect and review potential modernization of the multipurpose building, as well as other potential projects on campus. It may prove difficult to "expand" the building due to the existing location of the exterior walls. However, staff will explore other options to increase the effective use of space within the building.

Finding #4:

The finding reads:

"The school campus is open and allows unauthorized persons on campus during school hours. Sixth Street runs through the middle of the campus. During school hours, the street is blocked off to vehicle traffic but not foot traffic."

Recommendation #4:

The recommendation reads:

"The school campus needs to be blocked off from foot traffic during school hours. A possible solution is to install a retractable gate that prohibits foot traffic. The Office of Education should be contacted about the possibility of using their 'Youth Build, 1-Stop' vocational students to perform the installation."

District Response:

District staff does not believe it is currently feasible to completely block foot traffic at the site. This would require the use of perimeter fencing, which is incompatible with the use of the public street which bisects the school site. The district continues to use "pole gates" to block use of the public street during school hours. District staff will review the adequacy of existing perimeter fencing as part of the Measure H project review.

The Board of Trustees and district administration would like to thank the Grand Jury for their recommendations. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 530-749-6102.

Sincerely,

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Gay S. Todd

Superintendent

Marysville Joint Unified School District

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Re: Reclamation District 784 Responses to Yuba County Grand Jury Final Report June 2006

Response from Page 48:

Response to Finding #3 & Recommendation #3:

RD 784 has a Master Drainage Plan which was developed in 2002 which outlined and defined a drainage plan for all storm water drainage within RD 784 boundaries. Where necessary, we have coordinated with the Yuba County Public Works Department on issues where we have overlapping drainage issues. All modifications to the RD 784 Master Drainage Plan required due to new development within RD 784, is reviewed and approved by the RD 784 Engineer and then coordinated and approved, when necessary, by the Yuba County Public Works Department.

Responses from page 58:

Response to Finding #1:

We agree with this finding.

Response to Recommendation # 1:

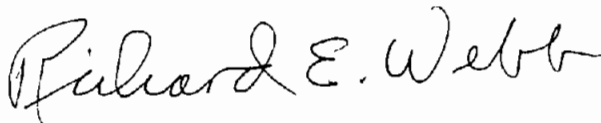
We are communicating with the Sheriff's Department to arrange for increased levee patrols of all sections of the levee.

Response to Finding #2:

- The state Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires 4 inspections of the levees to be completed every year (2 by a State Inspector and 2 by Local RD 784 Representatives).
- We have investigated the cause of damage and could not identify any specific causal factors for the damages - It is not uncommon to have similar damages appear after high water events.
- The areas noted in this report have been repaired and will be inspected on a regular basis as noted above.

- We strive to utilize the best repair methods recommended by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and DWR whenever making levee repairs.
- We follow recommended USACE & DWR maintenance and inspection procedures and find this is the best way to assure that when damages occur, they can be identified and corrected.

Sincerely,

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Richard E. Webb
President, RD 784

Enc. Pages 47, 48, 57 and 58 of Grand Jury report.
Letter requesting response dated 10-16-06



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To: Yuba County Grand Jury

Re: Final Report 2005-2006; Special District – Reclamation District #784

The Yuba County Grand Jury report for 2005-2006 contained two findings for Reclamation District #784 and one Recommendation. The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority was mentioned in both findings and recommendation. Below is the TRLIA response to the findings and recommendation:

Finding 1: 4x4's and dirt bikes that use this part of the levee cause excessive erosion to the levees.

TRLIA Response: TRLIA concurs with this finding.

Grand Jury Recommendation 1: Since this is a concern to everyone living in the levee area, stricter enforcement of levee usage should be implemented.

TRLIA Response: TRLIA concurs and will work with Reclamation District #784 to find ways to improve levee control. TRLIA is currently in the process of forming a Maintenance District for all the levees that are within its improvement area. It is hoped that this district will be formed by late 2007. In addition TRLIA is hiring a levee Assessment Engineer that will inspect all levees improved or to be improved by TRLIA and will make recommendations for Operations and Maintenance improvements. TRLIA will request that this finding be part of the Assessment Engineer review.

Finding 2: Levee repairs should be monitored through inspections, and an investigation should be conducted to identify the cause of the damage to improve repairs, identify better repair methods, and provide information on how to prevent these occurrences in the future.

TRLIA Response: TRLIA concurs with this finding.

Grand Jury Recommendation 2: None

TRLIA Response: TRLIA Levee repairs are monitored and inspected. TRLIA design engineers do investigate damage that has occurred in the levees and include engineering solutions to provide better levees. The specific site identified in the Grand Jury report will also be included in the Assessment Engineers work mentioned in the TRLIA response to Finding 1 above.

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Paul G. Brunner, P.E.
Executive Director
Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority

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TO: The Honorable James Curry
2005/2006 Grand Jury Presiding Judge

FR: Sheriff Virginia R. Black *VR Black*

RE: Grand Jury Final Report 2005-2006 Response

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This memo is in response to the Grand Jury report relating to **Reclamation District 784**. I apologize for the tardiness of my response however I was completely unaware that the Sheriff's Office was even mentioned in this particular report until recently.

Finding 1: 4 x 4's and dirt bikes that use this part of the levee cause excessive erosion to the levees.

Response to Finding 1: This may be true.

Recommendation 1: Since this is a concern of everyone living in the levee area, stricter enforcement of levee usage should be implemented.

Response to Recommendation 1: In the last eight years the Sheriff's Office personnel have used several methods of enforcement in attempts to curb levee traffic, from mounted posse patrols, to all terrain vehicle patrols and patrol vehicle enforcement. We were the most successful when officers used all terrain vehicles. Sedans and horses are no match for dirt bikes or motorcycles. The biggest obstacles are manpower. The Sheriff's Office does not have the manpower to staff levee patrols as part of our regular assignments.

I believe a powerful and ongoing media campaign by Reclamation District 784 needs to be implemented, to educate people about the damage done to the levees by driving on them. People who live behind levees need to take an active role in protecting them. Everyone who lives in the flood plain should make it their business to see that the levees are protected.

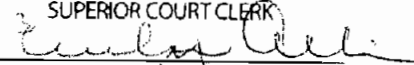
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RE: Response of Yuba County Water District to 2005/06 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Curry:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Water District, I write to respond to the Grand Jury report's discussion of our District. This letter replies, as the Grand Jury Report suggests, to Finding 1 and Recommendation 1 of the provisions of the report regarding our District.

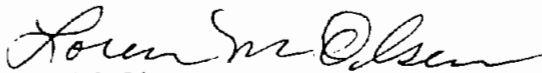
The District has been working on the problem of incomplete annexations since the Grand Jury's report of last year. With the arrival of a new General Manager earlier this year, we have made real progress. We are prioritizing properties which are currently receiving water service from our District and have succeeded in identifying these properties, establishing the requirements of the Yuba County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and the State Board of Equalization (SBE) for annexation, and we have retained a consulting engineer to prepare the necessary legal descriptions. The Board has also voted to absorb the cost of these annexations – which will run into many thousands of dollars for LAFCO and SBE fees and for the engineering work – rather than impose further on the affected customers of our District.

The District has not, as the Grand Jury report states, determined not to proceed with annexation of properties which are not now receiving water service. The District intends to resolve these annexations after the initial effort to annex properties receiving service is completed. Given our limited staff and financial resources, we simply cannot take this on all at once.

Honorable James L. Curry
August 10, 2006
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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's findings. Whether or not we agree with every detail of the Grand Jury's report, we accept its constructive criticism in the spirit it was offered. We share the Grand Jury's commitment to the people we both serve.

Very truly yours,



Loren M. Olsen
President
Yuba County Water District

C: Board of Directors, Yuba County Water District
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