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Reason for Investigation

The previous two Plumas County Grand Jury Final Reports (2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007) have included findings that minutes of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors proceedings have not been posted in a timely manner. The 2007 -2008 Plumas Grand Jury has determined that prompt, timely posting of minutes of the Board Of Supervisor's proceedings continues to be an important and unresolved issue for the citizens of Plumas County.

Procedure

During the course of this investigation, members of the Grand Jury reviewed the Findings and Recommendations of the two Grand Juries empanelled prior to this year, 2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007. We researched and reviewed the State of California Government Code sections pertaining to the formation and operation of County Boards of Supervisors paying particular attention to the relevant code sections dealing with the posting of minutes. We interviewed the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (BOS). We consulted with the County Counsel's office. At the conclusion of the investigation we held a verification interview with the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

Background

The Plumas County Board Of Supervisor's have acknowledged the time delay in the public posting of Board proceedings in the two previous Grand Jury reports. They have maintained a policy of refusing to post draft minutes and have stated that there is insufficient time for the Clerk of the Board to meet the time frames suggested by the Grand Jury.

Findings and Recommendations

Finding #1 – Timely posting of minutes of meetings held by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors.

California Government Code Section 25150 requires the Board Of Supervisors to publish a fair statement of all of its proceedings within ten (10) days of each meeting. The current policy and procedures of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, with regard to posting of minutes, are not in compliance with this statute.

Recommendation #1 – Timely posting of minutes of meetings held by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors.

It is this jury's recommendation that The Plumas County Board Of Supervisors take immediate steps to implement policies and procedures necessary to bring posting of minutes into conformance with California Government Code Section 25150.

Conclusion

After presentation of this finding to the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors during the verification interview, she indicated that this item would be put before the Board of Supervisors at the last meeting of January 2008. We have reviewed the Board of Supervisors meeting agendas and minutes for the meetings held in January, February, and March and no vote on this item was scheduled or voted upon at those meetings. However, tracking the Board of Supervisors web page, indicates they have been in compliance with Code Section 25150.