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REVIEW OF 2016-2017 IMPLEMENTATION

TCCGJ annually issues a final report addressing one or more issues requiring responses from various agencies in the County. All required responders must reply in writing to each finding and recommendation in the specific report. The 2016/2017 Grand Jury Final Report included 9 reports with 21 recommendations and 2 reports with no recommendations. The Grand Jury is obligated to verify implementation of recommendations made in these past reports.

METHOD OF FOLLOW UP:

1. Clarification letters were sent to the designated responders.
2. Reviewed websites and confirmed updates were completed.
3. Reviewed updated documents and responses.

SUMMARY:

The 2016-2017 TCCGJ reports required responses from the following agencies:

1. Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) – Implementation of Transgender Law
This report recommended that the TCOE Board have a policy in place for all schools in Tulare County. The TCCGJ determined that they are following the policies that are in place.
2. Woodlake Public Cemetery District Board of Trustees (WPCD) –
Woodlake Public Cemetery District
This report recommended that training on the Brown Act be provided to the WPCD Board of Trustees and the General Manager and that provisions of the Brown Act be followed. There was no response from the cemetery district to our follow up request.
3. Farmersville Unified School District (FUSD) – Farmerville Unified District Issues
This report recommended that FUSD follow their established purchasing policies and procedures, train their staff on personnel action forms and ensure policy is followed. The TCCGJ determined that they are following all their policies and procedures.
4. Kaweah Delta Hospital Board of Directors – Future Needs for Kaweah Delta Hospital

This report recommended:

1. That the Board of Directors develop an on-going dialogue, such as Town Hall meetings, to develop a planning process with residents of the hospital district to determine future needs.
2. That the Board form a volunteer community advisory committee consisting of district residents.
This has been implemented by Kaweah Delta creating a speakers bureau and forming several community ambassadors and advisory groups.
5. Tulare County Registrar of Voters – Did Your Vote Count?

This report recommended:

1. That all Election department vacancies be filled

2. That additional booths for the general elections be provided
 The Registrar of Voters reported back that all vacancies have been filled and they are fully staffed. Additionally, the department has implemented the following: that each polling site will increase to having a minimum of 10 voting booths with the larger polling sites to have a minimum of 20.

6. Tulare County Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Drought, Agriculture, Retirement Fund
 This report recommended that the BOS continue to review and modify the 19-year plan to ensure the funding needs of the retirement plan are met. The board has maintained a good standing relationship with the Tulare County Employees Retirement Association (TCERA) Board and will continue to collaborate regarding the 19 year plan.

7. Tulare County Chief Administrative Officer – Drought, Agriculture, Retirement Fund
 This report recommended that TCERA continue to review and modify the 19-year plan to ensure the funding needs of the retirement plan are being met. The TCCGJ determined that TCERA is meeting this recommendation.

8. Deer Creek Storm Water District – Water is Gold
 This report recommended that established bylaws be followed pertaining to all appointments. Deer Creek Storm Water District responded that they are in compliance with their bylaws

9. Richgrove Community Service District Board (RCSD) – Richgrove Where Water Flows Problems Grow
 This report recommended:

1. RCSD ensure routine water testing is completed as mandated
2. Water meters be repaired or installed
3. Enforce all water usage violations
4. The RCSD Board members should receive documented ethics training

The TCCGJ determined the District Board is following our recommendations

10. Tulare County Solid Waste Department (TCSWD) – Visalia Landfill: “Not a Stinky Operation”
 This report recommends that the TCSWD explore a memorandum of understanding with the Tulare County Sheriff’s Office to supply inmate workers for the landfill to ensure it remains self-sustaining and provide additional workforce when needed.

This recommendation has been implemented with an agreement with the Sheriff’s office for a work alternative program.

Instructions were provided to all entities from which responses were required. All entities with one exception (WPCD) responded in accordance with California Penal Code §933.05.



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