

PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

Response Compliance Report 2025-2026



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April 10, 2026

The Honorable Jeffrey Penney
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The Honorable Trisha Hirashima
Advising Grand Jury Judge
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and Citizens of Placer County

Subject: Responses to 2024-2025 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Penney, Judge Hirashima, and Citizens of Placer County:

The 2025-2026 Placer County Grand Jury has received and reviewed all the responses to the 2024-2025 Grand Jury Final Report.

All of the responses received by the grand jury, between the final report's release date of July 11, 2025, and November 20, 2025, have been assembled and published in this response report.

The reports are being published primarily in electronic form and are available on the Superior Court's website at www.PlacerGrandJury.org. Hard copies are being distributed only if requested.

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Sincerely,

Norma J. Worley, Foreperson
2025-2026 Placer County Grand Jury

RESPONSE COMPLIANCE REPORT 2025-26 PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

SUMMARY

Governing boards of local government entities and elected county officials are required by law to respond to the findings and recommendations in reports the grand jury directs to them. The responses must be submitted to the superior court within the statutory timeframe and must conform to content requirements contained in Penal Code¹ section 933.05.

The 2025-26 Placer County Grand Jury reviewed the responses to the eleven reports² issued by the 2024-25 grand jury on June 30, 2025. In sum, we found that one entity failed to submit a response and that the responses of two others failed to provide the mandated wording. We recommend that those three entities submit legally compliant responses.

BACKGROUND

Responses to grand jury reports must adhere to Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05.

For each finding, required respondents must either agree or disagree. If the respondent disagrees, they must explain what part of the finding they disagree with and explain the reasons for the disagreement. (See Penal Code § 933.05, subd. (a).)

For each recommendation, respondents must choose one of the following four responses:

- 1) That the recommendation has been implemented, with a summary of actions taken
- 2) That it will be implemented within a specified timeframe

² All referenced reports issued by the 2024-25 Grand Jury can be located on the Placer County Superior Court's website: <https://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-information/grand-jury/grand-jury-reports-resolutions/grand-jury-reports-2024-2025>. Accessed on March 12, 2026. ; https://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/GJ_Final%20Response%20Report_December%2015%202025.pdf. Accessed March 18, 2026.

- 3) That the recommendation needs further analysis, with an explanation, the scope of the analysis, and the timeframe (not to exceed six months from issuance of the report) as to when the response will be considered by the respondent; or
- 4) That the recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or not reasonable, with an explanation. (Penal Code § 933.05, subds. (b)(1-4).)

The 2024-25 Placer County Grand Jury issued eleven reports during its term from July 2024 through June 2025. The responses to nine of the reports fully complied with the law; accordingly, no extended discussion of those reports is included herein. This Response Compliance Report instead focuses on two reports for which the Placer County Grand Jury has noted non-compliance:

- Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance
- Foresthill Public Utility District, Transparency and Governance

Required respondents for the former report included the mayors of the City of Colfax and the Town of Loomis, respectively; the latter required a response from the Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors.

Please note, this report does not address or comment on the merit or wisdom of any disagreements expressed by any respondent to last year's reports, but merely upon whether the responses complied with legal requirements.

METHODOLOGY

The 2025-26 Placer County Grand Jury evaluated responses to the findings and recommendations to determine their compliance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05. The following criteria were considered:

- 1) **Timeframe:** Were responses submitted to the judge in the timeframe required by the law?

- 2) **Findings:** Did the governing board or elected county official indicate their agreement or disagreement with each finding? If there was disagreement, did they explain the reason for the disagreement?
- 3) **Recommendations:** Did each response include one of the four statements required under Penal Code section 933.05(b)(1-4)? Did the response also contain the required content?
 - a) If a response stated a recommendation had been implemented, did the response include a summary of what had been done? (Penal Code § 933.05(b)(1))
 - b) If a response stated a recommendation would be implemented, did the response include a summary and timeframe for what would be done? (Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2))
 - c) If a response stated a recommendation required further analysis or study, did the response include an explanation of the scope and parameters of the analysis or study, and a timeframe (within six months of receipt of the report) for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the applicable public official, department head, or governing body? (Penal Code § 933.05(b)(3))
 - d) If a response stated a recommendation would not be implemented because it was not warranted or not reasonable, did the respondent include an explanation supporting that position? (Penal Code § 933.05(b)(4))

DISCUSSION

The law requires county elected officials to respond to a grand jury report in writing. The elected official's response must be submitted to the presiding judge within sixty days of receiving the report. (Penal Code § 933(c).) Governing boards have ninety days after receiving a grand jury report to submit their response to the presiding judge. (*Id.*)

The multiple respondents to ten of the eleven reports were fully compliant with the timeframe required by law. One respondent to one report was not. Although their response was due no later than September 1, 2025, the mayor of Colfax has not, as of the date of this report, responded to the report titled "Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance."

All of the respondents to findings within the eleven reports complied with the California Penal Code by indicating their agreement or disagreement with findings. For all disagreements, an explanation was given.

The responses to grand jury recommendations require specific content as described above. For the report titled, “Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance,” the mayor of the Town of Loomis failed to provide a target date in five of the responses that indicated a recommendation would be implemented.

The grand jury also identified instances of non-compliance with the responses from the Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors. In five of the twelve recommendations, the board of directors failed to provide a clear response that aligns with the recommendation; further, no target dates were provided when the response seemed to indicate future implementation.

All other respondents were compliant.

FINDINGS

- F1.** The mayor of Colfax failed to respond to the report titled “Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance” within sixty days of receiving the report, as mandated by Penal Code section 933, subd. (c).
- F2.** The mayor of the Town of Loomis failed to provide target dates for the implementation of recommendations R1, R2, R4, R5, and R6 in the report titled “Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance.” Providing such timeframes is required by Penal Code section 933.05, subd. (b)(2).
- F3.** The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors failed to provide a timeframe for implementation of recommendations in the report titled “Foresthill Public Utility District, Transparency and Governance,” violating Penal Code Section 933.05, subd. (b)(2),

specifically for recommendations R1, R3, R4, and R5. Providing such timeframes is required by Penal Code section 933.05, subd. (b)(2).

- F4.** The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors in its responses did not comply with the specific content of Penal Code section 933.05 (b)(1-4) to recommendations R1 through R5.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1.** The mayor of Colfax will respond to the report titled “Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance” by May 30, 2026 to comply with Penal Code section 933.
- R2.** The mayor of the Town of Loomis will update the grand jury with target dates for the implementation of recommendations R1, R2, R4, R5, and R6 in the report titled “Conflict of Interest Code, Form 700, Ethics Training Compliance” by June 30, 2026, to comply with Penal Code section 933.05(b)(2).
- R3.** The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors will review the required response language in the California Penal Code and update the grand jury as to their responses by July 31, 2026, as to recommendations R1 through R5 and provide a timeframe for implementation of those recommendations in the report titled “Foresthill Public Utility District, Transparency and Governance” to comply with Penal Code section 933.05, subd. (b)(2).

REQUIRED RESPONSES

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, the following responses are required:

- The mayor of Colfax is required to respond to F1 and R1 within sixty days of receipt of this report.

- The mayor of Loomis is required to respond to F2 and R2 within sixty days of receipt of this report.
- The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors is required to respond to F3 and R3 within ninety days of receipt of this report.

Responses must be submitted to the presiding judge of the Placer County Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Penal Code Section 933.05. Responses must include the information required by Section 933.05.

CONCLUSION

The 2025-26 Placer County Grand Jury is following the precedent set by past Placer County Grand Juries by publishing this Response Compliance Report. This jury believes it is important to verify that these respondents were compliant with Penal Code Section 933.05.

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ATTACHMENT A

TOWN OF LOOMIS



9/9/2025

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RE: Response to the Placer County Grand Jury Final Report 2024/25

Dear Honorable Judge Pineschi, Honorable Judge Hirashima, and Placer County Grand Jury:

The Town of Loomis has reviewed the Placer County Grand Jury Final Report 2024/25 released on June 30, 2025. The Town is providing the following responses pursuant to California Penal Code section 933.05, subdivision (a) and (b):

Placer County Grand Jury Finding No. 8:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin do not include Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training requirements in their conflict-of-interest codes.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Finding No. 8:

The Town agrees that its conflict-of-interest code ("Code") does not include AB 1234 language, but it cannot concur to the extent that such finding presumes it is required to be included in the Code. The three required components of a Code are as follows:

1. Incorporation Section (Terms of the Code) - This section designates where the Form 700s are filed and retained (i.e., the agency or the FPPC). This section also must reference Regulation 18730, which provides the rules for disqualification procedures, reporting financial interests, and references the current gift limit. A sample is available.

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2. List of Designated Positions - The code must list all agency positions that involve the making or participation in making of decisions that "may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest." This covers agency members, officers and employees, and it may include volunteers on a committee if the members make or participate in making government decisions.
3. Detailed Disclosure Categories - A disclosure category is a description of the types of financial interests' officials in one or more job classifications must disclose on their Form 700s. The categories must be tailored to the financial interests affected and must not require public officials to disclose private financial information that does not relate to their public employment.

Placer County Grand Jury Finding No. 10:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin do not include enforcement authority in their conflict of interest codes, leaving no defined consequences if a designated individual fails to timely file Form 700 or complete Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Finding No. 10:

The Town agrees that its Code does not include any "enforcement authority" language, but it cannot concur to the extent that such finding is presumed to be required to be included in the Code. The three required components of a Code are as follows:

1. Incorporation Section (Terms of the Code) - This section designates where the Form 700s are filed and retained (i.e., the agency or the FPPC). This section also must reference Regulation 18730, which provides the rules for disqualification procedures, reporting financial interests, and references the current gift limit. A sample is available.
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The Town also cannot concur to the extent that there is assumed to be left "no defined consequences" if a designated individual fails to file the Form 700 or fails to complete the AB 1234 training. The Town Clerk, as the filing officer for the Town has certain rights and duties under state law, and moreover, all designated-filer employees are under the Town Manager's oversight.

Placer County Grand Jury Finding No. 12:

For Colfax, Lincoln and Loomis, incomplete information in recordkeeping for designated Form 700 filers prevented the grand jury from accurately assessing the timeliness of the filings.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Finding No. 12:

The Town cannot concur that there was "incomplete information" in the Form 700 logs, as they are accurate as to what the FPPC requires.

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Placer County Grand Jury Finding No. 17:

All local agencies' recordkeeping was difficult to review and often failed to contain necessary information.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Finding No. 17:

The Town's AB 1234 recordkeeping was legally compliant and therefore it cannot concur that it failed to contain "necessary" information.

Placer County Grand Jury Finding No. 18:

A lack of enforcement authority within all local agencies led to failures to receive timely ethics training.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Finding No. 18:

To the extent there was untimely ethics training the Town cannot concur at this time that it was caused by any "lack of enforcement authority" — given the robust enforcement mechanisms already available.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 1:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin review, amend, and/or adopt their conflict of interest code to specify those positions who shall receive Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training pursuant to Government Code section 53234-53235.2 by October 1, 2025.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 1:

The Town will implement this recommendation, in keeping with its current practice to regularly review and update its Code. Pursuant to such review, it will make any necessary amendments pursuant to the time allotted for such amendments under state law.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 2:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin review, amend, and/or adopt their conflict of interest code to specify the city clerk is the responsible official to administer the Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training program, and function as the recordkeeper for ethics training records by October 1, 2025.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 2:

The Town will implement this recommendation, in keeping with its current practice to regularly review and update its Code. Pursuant to such review, it will make any necessary amendments pursuant to the time allotted for such amendments under state law.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 3:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, Rocklin, and Roseville should specify in their conflict of interest code actionable enforcement authority against individuals who fail to timely file Form 700 and/or fail to timely receive Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training by October 1, 2025.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 3:

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The Town does not believe the recommendation is warranted. First, such language is not required under state law. Second, the FPPC already regulates and provides robust and broad enforcement over the Form 700 filing and AB 1234 training requirements. In addition, the filing officer for the Town has the ability to provide referrals to the FPPC as necessary. Finally, the Town Manager, consistent with the Town's Council-Manager form of governance, has oversight over all affected employees.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 4:

Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Roseville should create and maintain an annual database for all designated Form 700 filers in alignment with the FPPC filing year by December 31, 2025. The Placer County Grand Jury recommends the database include: the name of each Form 700 filer, the date of hire or initial service, the type of filing (assuming, annual, leaving), the deadline for filing, the date the form was filed, and whether the filing was timely.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 4:

The recommendation will be implemented to the extent it will include the date of hire or initial service.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 5:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, and Rocklin should create and maintain a database of all individuals required to receive Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training by December 31, 2025. The Placer County Grand Jury recommends the database include: the name of each individual required to receive ethics training, the date of hire or the date the position was assumed which required ethics training, the deadline for receiving ethics training (one year/two years), the date ethics training was received, and whether ethics training was timely. The training records should be maintained for five years.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 5:

The recommendation will be implemented to the extent it will include the date of hire or initial service.

Placer County Grand Jury Recommendation No. 6:

Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Loomis, Rocklin, and Roseville should create a plan to increase oversight with a goal to achieve 100% timely Form 700 filings and ethics training, by November 1, 2025.

Town of Loomis' Response to Grand Jury Recommendation No. 6:

The Town plans to implement this recommendation through its implementation of some of the other recommendations, as noted above, including date of hire/service.

The Town of Loomis appreciates the Grand Jury's interest in the Town's administration, as well as the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations above.

Sincerely,

David M. Ring

David Ring, Mayor
Town of Loomis

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ATTACHMENT B



FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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August 18, 2025

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
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Re: 2024-2025 Grand Jury Final Report: Foresthill Public Utility District

Dear Grand Jury:

The Foresthill Public Utility District respectfully submits the following responses to the Placer County Grand Jury's 2024-2025 Final Report. We acknowledge and appreciate the Grand Jury's important role in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance in local public agencies. After careful review of the findings and recommendations presented, we are pleased to provide the following responses on behalf of the District.

RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS

We agree with the findings numbered: F2, F3, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, and F11

We partially disagree with the finding numbered: F4

We disagree wholly with the finding numbered: F1

Finding No. 1: The Foresthill Public Utility District Finance Manager position has been vacant since April 2023.

We respectfully disagree with this finding. From August 2011 through April 10, 2023, Roger Carroll, CPA, fulfilled the duties of Finance Manager for the Foresthill Public Utility District under a Proposal to Provide Accounting Services. Following Mr. Carroll's passing in April 2023, Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP (LSL) assumed responsibility for Finance Manager duties under a Letter of Engagement executed on

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May 31, 2023. Therefore, while there was a brief transition period, the Finance Manager responsibilities have not been vacant since April 2023.

Finding No. 4: The Foresthill Public Utility District does not have a comprehensive strategic plan outlining future years including risks and opportunities.

We partially disagree with this finding. The Foresthill Public Utility District developed a Water Master Plan in 1992. The Plan served as a strategic guide to maintain and enhance water service for the community. This Plan was updated in 2008 and includes long-term improvements and planning initiatives. This updated plan is a comprehensive strategic plan, and it continues to provide valuable guidance on infrastructure and water service issues the District may face for decades into the future.

RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should evaluate the benefits of staffing the vacant Finance (or Business) Manager position in-house or execute and engagement letter with an accounting services provider no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 1 has not yet been implemented.

The Board agreed during the August 13th board meeting to evaluate, through a Request For Proposal, the benefits of staffing the Finance Manager position in-house or with an accounting service provider.

This process will continue during the next board meeting and will likely continue beyond that.

One Board member has a differing opinion: "At the Aug. 13th Board meeting, the Board passed a motion to hire a Finance Manager, but Directors continue to disagree on hiring a Finance Manager to work in-house. The process of posting, interviewing, and hiring methods are scheduled for discussion on Sept. 10, at the FPUD's next Board meeting."

Recommendation No. 2: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should prepare and approve a strategic plan at the next fiscal planning cycle (2025-2026) and update annually.

Recommendation No. 2 has been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District developed a comprehensive Water Master Plan in 1992, which has served as a strategic framework for maintaining and enhancing water

service to the community. This plan was updated in 2008 to reflect changing needs and priorities and continues to guide the District in long-term infrastructure investment and water resource management. The 2008 update remains relevant and applicable to the District's ongoing operations and strategic decisions.

While the District supports the intent behind regular review of strategic goals, updating the Water Master Plan on an annual basis is neither typical for long-range planning documents nor financially prudent. Strategic planning at this scale is traditionally conducted on a multi-year cycle to ensure effective use of public resources. However, the District remains committed to reviewing its operational priorities annually as part of its fiscal planning process and will incorporate strategic considerations into that cycle as appropriate.

Recommendation No. 3: Foresthill Public Utility District job descriptions should be updated and approved by the Board of Directors no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 3 has not yet been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District acknowledges that routine updates to job descriptions (Policies) are a best practice and appreciates the Grand Jury's recommendation.

The District's current job descriptions were developed using widely accepted industry standards. These documents remain functional for the purposes of compliance, supervision, and operational consistency.

Timing of the implementation of this recommendation will depend on future Board discussions and priorities. Updating the Job Descriptions will be an Action Item at the September Board Meeting.

Director Foster believes revising Job Descriptions should be the next priority for the board.

Recommendation No. 4: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should develop a plan (timeline and milestones) to update its Policy Handbook no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 4 has not yet been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors are currently reviewing about one policy per month, allowing for focused discussion and thoughtful deliberation on each item. Due to the collaborative nature of this process, and the time required to obtain full Board consensus, each policy revision may take several months to complete.

While this ongoing approach ensures that policies are carefully evaluated and reflect the Board's collective judgment, it does not currently follow a formal timeline with defined milestones. As such, the District cannot commit to a fixed plan for updating the entire Policy Handbook by the specified date. The pace and sequence of updates will continue to be shaped by Board priorities and available resources.

The District remains committed to ensuring its policies are clear, current, and aligned with best practices, and will continue to assess progress during regular Board meetings.

Recommendation No. 5: Placer County Grand Jury 2024-2025 Final Report The Foresthill Public Utility District General Manager responsibilities should be decoupled from minute taking no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 5 has not yet been implemented.

The Board of Directors has already discussed the possibility of transitioning away from action-style minutes – recommended by District counsel – to a more narrative or detailed format. Such a transition would require additional staff resources. The Board is currently deliberating whether to approve an additional staff position to support this potential change in minute-taking style. Until such a decision is made and resources are allocated, the current system will remain in place.

Recommendation No. 6: The Foresthill Public Utility District Enterprise System(s) disclosure on the District website should be updated for current business systems no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 6 has been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District updated its disclosure of enterprise system information in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 272 on July 14, 2025. The updated disclosure is available on the District's website and reflects the District's current business systems.

Recommendation No. 7: The Foresthill Public Utility District should provide the Local Agency Formation Commission with updated information no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 7 has been implemented.

On July 14, 2025, the Foresthill Public Utility District provided updated information to the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), including the name of the current Board Chair and the District's regular meeting time.

Recommendation No. 8: Foresthill Public Utility District expenditure approvals should adhere to stated amounts in the Policy Handbook immediately, with acknowledgement to the Placer County Grand Jury no later than September 1, 2025.

Recommendation No. 8 has been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District follows a standard procurement policy which requires pre-authorization by the Board of Directors for expenditures exceeding \$15,000 per month. This policy ensures appropriate oversight of significant financial commitments.

Occasionally, operational necessity may require the General Manager to authorize purchases that exceed this threshold prior to formal Board approval. In such cases, the expenditures are to be promptly presented to the Board for ratification. This ratification process ensures compliance with District policy, maintains transparency, and safeguards public resources through full Board accountability.

The District acknowledges the importance of adhering to its Policy Handbook and remains committed to transparent and responsible financial management.

Director Foster and President Dowling thinks the board should revise policy 3082 to address violations.

Recommendation No. 9: The Foresthill Public Utility District should review its investment strategy and realized asset returns at the next review cycle or no later than December 31, 2025.

Recommendation No. 9 has been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District reviews its investment strategy annually, or more frequently if necessary, to ensure compliance with Government Code Section 53600. The District's current investment policy is consistent with statutory requirements and provides clear, industry-standard guidance for staff and investment professionals. This policy supports the transparent and responsible management of public funds and ensures alignment with the District's financial goals and fiduciary duties.

Recommendation No. 10: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should update the status of securing its water right permit expired in 2011 no later than September 30, 2025.

Recommendation No. 10 has not yet been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District is actively working to update the status of Water Right Permit No. 15375. The District anticipates providing an updated status regarding the extension request by September 30, 2025, in accordance with the recommendation. The Foresthill Public Utility District remains committed to preserving this critical resource for the benefit of the community and ensuring continued compliance with applicable state regulations.

Recommendation No. 11: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should review Form 700 filing requirements for district and board individuals no later than September 30, 2025, and review annually thereafter.

Recommendation No. 11 has been implemented.

Information outlining Form 700 filing requirements was distributed to the Board of Directors and staff on **July 15, 2025**. In addition, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regularly issues reminders to all mandatory filers to ensure ongoing compliance. The District will continue to review these requirements on an annual basis moving forward.

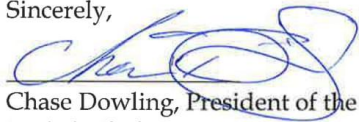
Recommendation No. 12: The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors should schedule a meeting to establish performance goals and objectives for the General Manager no later than September 30, 2025, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

Recommendation No. 12 has not yet been implemented.

The Foresthill Public Utility District Board of Directors conducts an annual review of the General Manager's performance and establishes goals during its regularly scheduled August board meeting. The Board is scheduled to initiate this task at the upcoming meeting on August 13, 2025.

The Foresthill Public Utility District appreciates the efforts of the Placer County Grand Jury in reviewing local governance practices. We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in our operations. Should the Grand Jury require any additional information or clarification regarding these responses, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Chase Dowling, President of the Board,
On behalf of the
Board of Directors, Foresthill Public Utility District