

PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

RESPONSES TO THE 2019-2020 FINAL REPORT



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

October 28, 2020





PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

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October 28, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
County of Placer
P.O. Box 619072
Roseville, CA 95661

The Honorable Suzanne Gazzaniga
Advising Judge, Superior Court
County of Placer
P.O. Box 619072
Roseville, CA 95661

And Citizens of Placer County

Subject: Responses to the 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Pineschi, Judge Gazzaniga, and Citizens of Placer County,

The Placer County Grand Jury has received and reviewed all of the responses to the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report.

All of the responses received by the grand jury, between the final report's release date of June 30, 2020 and October 15, 2020, have been assembled and published in this response report. While not all responses were received, and others did not adhere to the legal requirements of California Penal Code § 933.05, they are being published as received by the Placer County Grand Jury.

The report is being published primarily in electronic form and is available on the Placer County Superior Court's website at: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-grandjury-reports.shtml>. Hard copies of the report are being distributed only if requested. If you desire a hard copy, please email your request to the Placer County Grand Jury at info@placergrandjury.org. Please include your contact name, title, agency name, department name, and complete mailing address.

Sincerely,

Walter Moore, Foreperson
2020-2021 Placer County Grand Jury

INTRODUCTION

The Placer County Grand Jury Final Report for 2019-2020 was published in June 2020. A copy of the report can be found on the superior court's web site at: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-grandjury-reports.shtml>.

Penal Code § 933.05 spells out the State law regarding responses to the grand jury including the timeframe in which a recommendation will be implemented and if the respondent agrees with the findings.

Government offices, agencies, and local entities cited in the Final Report for a response, are required to respond to the Final Report within 60 days (elected officials who head county Agencies) or 90 days (governing bodies of public agencies).

This report contains all the responses received as of October 15, 2020.

The current Placer County Grand Jury would like to thank the 2019-2020 jury for their efforts in producing a Final Report considering the pandemic that occurred during their term. In addition, the current jury would like to thank The Honorable Alan Pineschi, Presiding Judge, The Honorable Suzanne Gazzaniga, Advising Judge, Senior Deputy Renju Jacobs, and Shane Campbell-Kaslin, our office manager, for their ongoing support.

2019-2020 Grand Jury Members

Joan Beesley	Ken Brown	Lori Brown
Allon Corron	Michael Deal	Barbara Ferguson
Jim Ferguson	Dana Flaten	John Graham
Mary Griffith	Gary Haynes	Walter Moore
James Sponzo	Virginia Steele-Pirie	Carol Witten

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

Code § 933.05

- (a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Penal Code § 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
 - (1) The respondent agrees with the finding.
 - (2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefore.
- (b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Penal Code § 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:
 - (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
 - (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **with a timeframe for implementation**.
 - (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
 - (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation, therefore.
- (c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision-making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.
- (d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.
- (e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.
- (f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.

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No response required

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No response required

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California enacted Assembly Bill 2257, codified in California Government Code § 54954.2 requiring all legislative bodies, such as city councils and boards of supervisors, to have a prominent, direct link to their agenda on their website's homepage and other specific requirements related to the listing of that agenda after January 1, 2019.

The Placer County Grand Jury investigated compliance with this legislation for the Placer County Board of Supervisors, the City Councils of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Roseville, and Rocklin and the Town Council of Loomis. We found that only the City of Colfax was fully compliant as of February 2020. The grand jury recommends that the non-compliant legislative bodies update their websites to comply with the current requirements.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: The City of Colfax complies with AB 2257 and offers the convenience of an agenda subscription service.
- F2: The Placer County website provides a prominent, direct link to the current Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. The listing of the Board of Supervisors meeting agendas is not sorted in reverse chronological order; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.
- F3: The City of Auburn website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.
- F4: The City of Lincoln website does not provide a prominent link to the current City Council meeting agenda; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.
- F5: The City of Roseville website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.
- F5: The City of Rocklin website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.
- F6: The Town of Loomis website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an

agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas. The agenda for the Town of Loomis is not searchable for specific terms. Therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

Recommendations

The grand jury recommends:

- R1: Placer County update its website to ensure that the Board of Supervisors agenda webpage lists the most recent agenda first by October 1, 2020.
- R2: The City of Auburn update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or listing of city council agendas by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.
- R3: The City of Lincoln update its website by making the direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda prominent by October 1, 2020.
- R4: The City of Roseville update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or list of city council agendas by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.
- R5: The City of Rocklin update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or list of city council agendas by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.
- R6: The Town of Loomis update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or list of city council agendas and ensure that the posted agenda is searchable by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.

Request for Response

Pursuant to California Penal Code § 933.05, the Placer County Grand Jury requests a response from the following governing bodies:

Legislative Body

Bonnie Gore, Chair
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Recommendations Requiring Response

R1

Daniel Berlant, Mayor
City Council, City of Auburn
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA 95603

R2

Dan Karleskint, Mayor
City Council, City of Lincoln
600 6th Street
Lincoln, CA 95648

R3

Jan Clark-Crets, Mayor
Town Council, Town of Loomis
3665 Taylor Road
Loomis, CA 95650

R6

Greg Janda, Mayor
City Council, City of Rocklin
3970 Rocklin Road
Rocklin, CA 95677

R5

John B. Allard II, Mayor
City Council, City of Roseville
311 Vernon St.
Roseville, California 95678

R4

Placer County Board of Supervisors

County of Placer Board of Supervisors

175 FULWEILER AVENUE
AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603
530-889-4010 • FAX: 530-889-4009
PLACER CO. TOLL FREE # 800-488-4308

BONNIE GORE
District 1

ROBERT M. WEYGANDT
District 2

JIM HOLMES
District 3

KIRK UHLER
District 4

CINDY GUSTAFSON
District 5



September 22, 2020

Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

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**PLACER COUNTY
GRAND JURY**

Re: Access to Agendas: County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Councils

Dear Members of the Grand Jury,

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the Grand Jury Final Report – Access to Agendas: County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Councils

FINDINGS

- F1: The City of Colfax complies with AB 2257 and offers the convenience of an agenda subscription service.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

- F2: The Placer County website provides a prominent, direct link to the current Board of Supervisors meeting agenda. The listing of the Board of Supervisors meeting agendas is not sorted in reverse chronological order; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

We agree with this finding.

- F3: The City of Auburn website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

- F4: The City of Lincoln website does not provide a prominent link to the current City Council meeting agenda; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

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- F5: The City of Roseville website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

- F6: The City of Rocklin website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

- F7: The Town of Loomis website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas. The agenda for the Town of Loomis is not searchable for specific terms. Therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

This finding does not apply to the County of Placer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. Placer County update its website to ensure that the Board of Supervisors agenda webpage lists the most recent agenda first by October 1, 2020.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

Should you have questions regarding the above responses, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Gore, Chair (District 1)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

- Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer

City of Auburn



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September 15, 2020

Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge
Placer County Superior Court
10820 Justice Center Dr.
Roseville, CA 95678

Mr. Walter Moore, Foreman
2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury
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Auburn, CA 95603

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**PLACER COUNTY
GRAND JURY**

RE: GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT – ACCESS TO AGENDAS

Dear Judge Pineschi and Foreman Moore:

The City of Auburn has carefully reviewed and considered the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury in its report dated June 26, 2020 entitled: "Access to Agendas: County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Councils." By letter dated June 26, 2020, the Grand Jury requested the City's response to the report's Recommendation No. R2. The City has provided a response to this request, and to Finding F3, pursuant to California Penal Code section 933.05, subdivisions (a) and (b).

FINDINGS:

F3: The City of Auburn website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of City Council meeting agendas; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

CITY RESPONSE:

The City disagrees with this finding. The City's website homepage has a prominent link titled "Meetings and Agendas." This directs to the City's integrated agenda management platform, which includes all agendas for the City's legislative bodies.

Under Government Code section 54954.2 (as amended by AB 2257), the City can choose one of two options to make agendas for upcoming meetings of its legislative bodies accessible on its website:

1. Post a direct link to the agenda for upcoming meetings on the City's website homepage;
or
2. Post a link to the City's integrated agenda management platform.

If City chooses the second option, then the link must "take the person directly to an Internet Web site with the agendas of the legislative body" (Gov. Code, § 54954.2, subd. (a)(2)(C)(i).)

The current agenda of the legislative body must be the first agenda available at the top of the website. (*Id.*, subd. (a)(2)(C)(iii).) For the City's website, the agenda for the soonest upcoming meeting is posted at the top of the website, followed thereafter by every other posted agenda for an upcoming meeting. This complies with the requirements of the Brown Act and Assembly Bill No. 2257.

The Brown Act applies to all legislative bodies as defined in Government Code section 54952, including the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other Boards and Commissions. The Grand Jury's report focuses on agendas for upcoming City Council meetings. However, the requirements in Assembly Bill No. 2257 apply equally to all legislative bodies and Government Code section 54954.2 must be interpreted accordingly. Therefore, the Brown Act requires the integrated agenda management platform to provide agendas for upcoming meetings of all legislative bodies in the order the meetings will occur, in descending order from the very next meeting to later meetings. The City's integrated agenda management platform meets this requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R2: The City of Auburn update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or listing of city council agendas by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.

CITY RESPONSE:

The recommendation has been implemented. Despite the City's response to the finding above, the City has incorporated a direct link to the agenda of its upcoming City Council meeting on the homepage of its website.

The City welcomes and appreciates the Grand Jury's interest in the City's operations, as well as the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

Sincerely,



Daniel Berlant, Mayor
City of Auburn

City of Lincoln



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The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, Placer County
P.O. Box 619072
Roseville, CA 95661

Walter Moore, Foreman
2019-20 Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

**RE: Response to 2019-20 Placer County Grand Jury Report
Access to Agendas**

Dear Judge Pineschi and Mr. Moore :

The City of Lincoln has reviewed the 2019-20 Placer County Grand Jury Report regarding the Access to Agendas, and hereby submits its response to the statements, conclusions, findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury.

FINDINGS

F4. The City of Lincoln website does not provide a prominent link to the current City Council meeting agenda; therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

F4 Response: The City of Lincoln disagrees partially with this finding. The City of Lincoln did have an existing link to current agendas on the top of the homepage of its website, see Exhibit A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R3: The City of Lincoln update its website by making the direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda prominent by October 1, 2020.

The City has added an additional link in the center of the home page, see Exhibit B, and making it more prominent by highlighting in blue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-434-2490 if you have questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,


Dan Karleskint, Mayor

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Access to Agendas – County Board of Supervisors, City & Town Councils

Report Date: June 30, 2020

Response By: Dan Karleskint Title: Mayor, City of Lincoln

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: R3.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.

(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R3 have been implemented.

(A quick link button -shown in blue on the attached screen shot has been added to the home page of the website.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ have not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

(Per Penal Code§ 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.

(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared/or discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

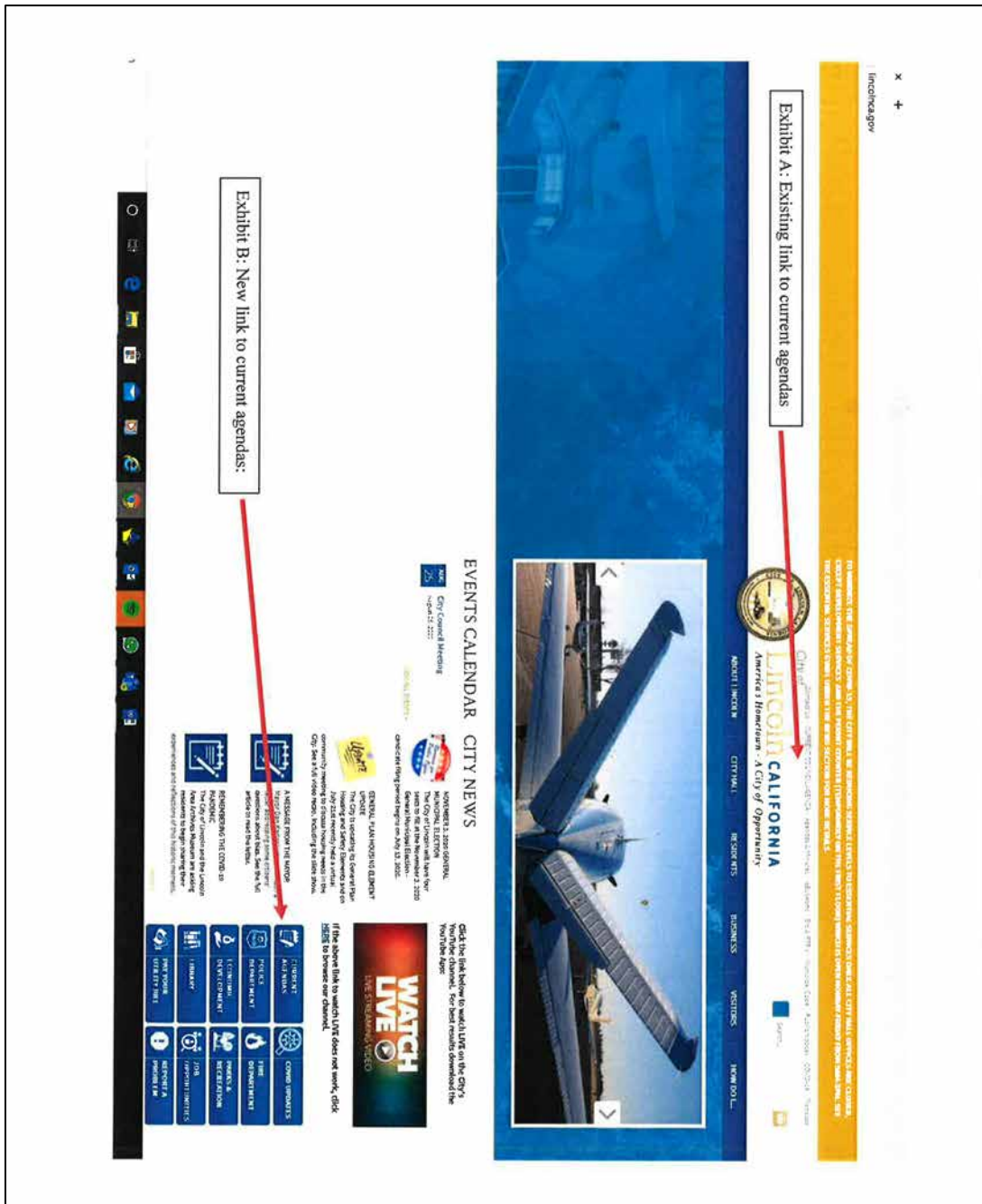
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 08/17/2020

Signed: _____

Daniel Karleskint

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Town of Loomis

TOWN OF LOOMIS



September 8, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Placer
P.O. Box 619072
Roseville, CA 95661

Honorable Judge Pineschi,

The Town of Loomis and mayor Jan Clark-Crets has received the 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury report titled, "Access to Agendas." The Town was requested to submit a response to the findings and recommendations of the report no later than October 1, 2020.

The Town of Loomis agrees with Finding F6:

The Town of Loomis website does not provide a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda, nor does it provide a direct link to an agenda management platform listing of the City Council meeting agendas. The agenda for the Town of Loomis is not searchable for specific terms. Therefore, it does not comply with AB 2257.

It should be noted that the Town website used by the Grand Jury has been completely updated. The new website, which launched June 25, 2020, now complies with AB 2257. Therefore, the Town of Loomis agrees with Recommendation R6:

The Town of Loomis update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda or list of city council agendas and ensure that the posted agenda is searchable by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.

Jan Clark-Crets
Mayor, Town of Loomis

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GRAND JURY

P.O. Box 1330, Loomis, CA 95650
Phone: 916-652-1840 Fax: 916-652-1847

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Access to Agendas
Report Date: 2019-2020
Response By: Loomis Town Council Title: _____

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F6.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

R6 (See Attached)

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 9/8/2020 Signed: Jan Clark - Cets
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City of Rocklin

2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: ACCESS TO AGENDAS
Report Date: 6/26/2020
Response By: GREG SAUNDERS Title: ROCKLIN MAYOR

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: _____.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: FS.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered FS have been implemented. - SEE ATTACHED SCREENSHOT.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 7/8/2020 Signed: [Signature]
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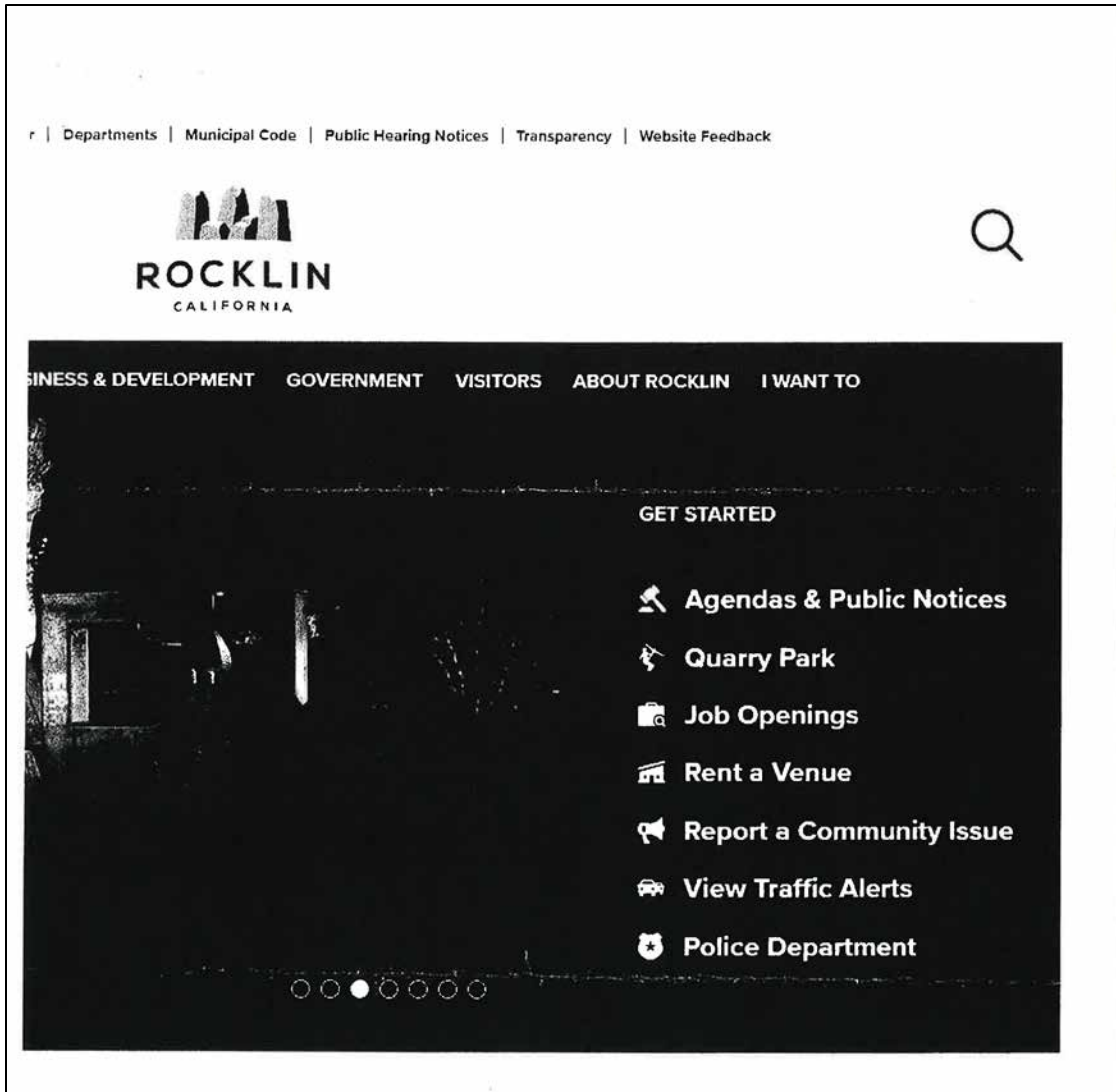
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September 2, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
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Walter Moore
Foreman
2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

**Re: Response to 2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report
Access to Agendas – City of Roseville**

Dear Honorable Judge Pineschi and Placer County Grand Jury,

On behalf of the Roseville City Council, I would like to thank the Placer County Grand Jury for the continued dedication to the citizens of Placer County. I am pleased to submit the City of Roseville's response to the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report.

Report Title: Access to Agendas – County Board of Supervisors, City and Town Councils
Report Date: Released to the public on June 26, 2020
Response by: Roseville City Council – Mayor John B. Allard II

FINDINGS

The City of Roseville agrees with the finding numbered F5. Please note there are two F5's in the final report and the City of Roseville is only responding to the finding directed to the City of Roseville.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation Numbered R4 –The recommendation of the Grand Jury is that the City of Roseville update its website by incorporating a prominent, direct link to the City Council meeting agenda or list of City Council agendas by October 1, 2020. If the link is to a list of agendas, they must list the most recent agenda first.

Response to R4 – The City of Roseville has placed a prominent, direct link to the current City Council meeting agenda on the City's homepage, which lists the most recent agenda first.

The City of Roseville will continue to use an agenda management platform (Novus Agenda) listing all City Council agendas.

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Again, I would like to thank the 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury for its report and service to the City of Roseville.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Allard II', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John B. Allard II, Mayor
Acting on Behalf of the Roseville City Council

Cc: Roseville City Council

2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Access to Agendas - City of Roseville

Report Date: 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury

Response By: John B. Allard II Title: Mayor

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F - 5.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: N/A.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

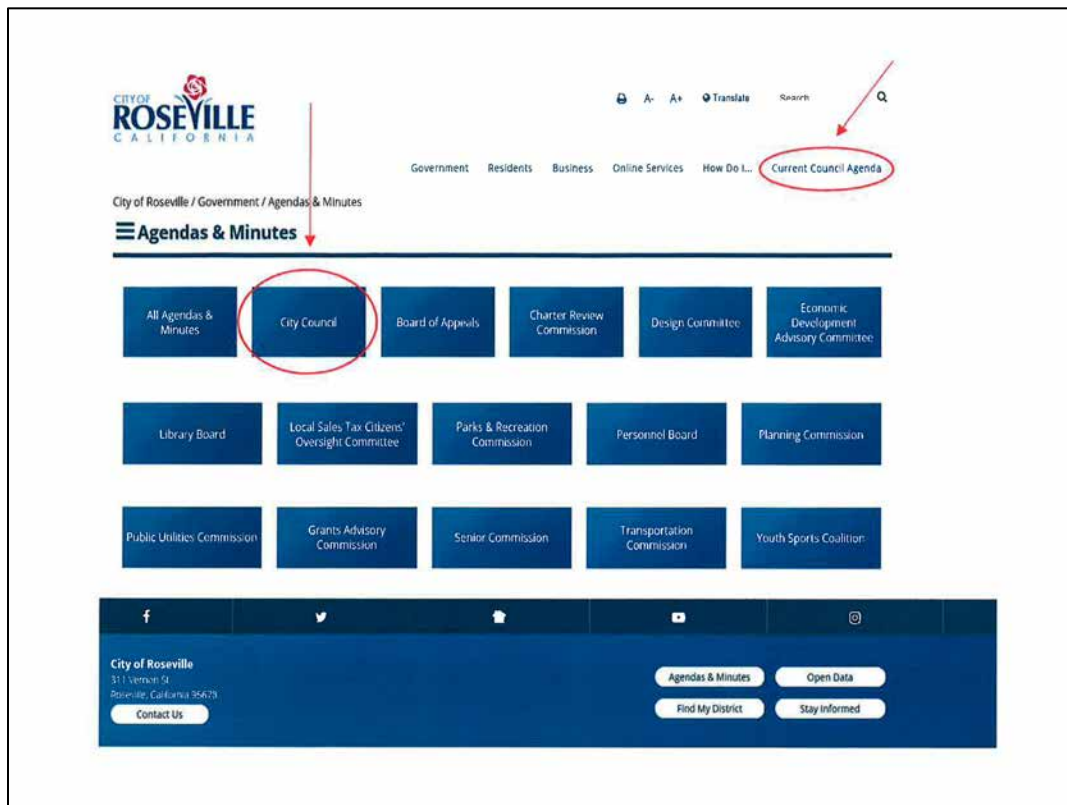
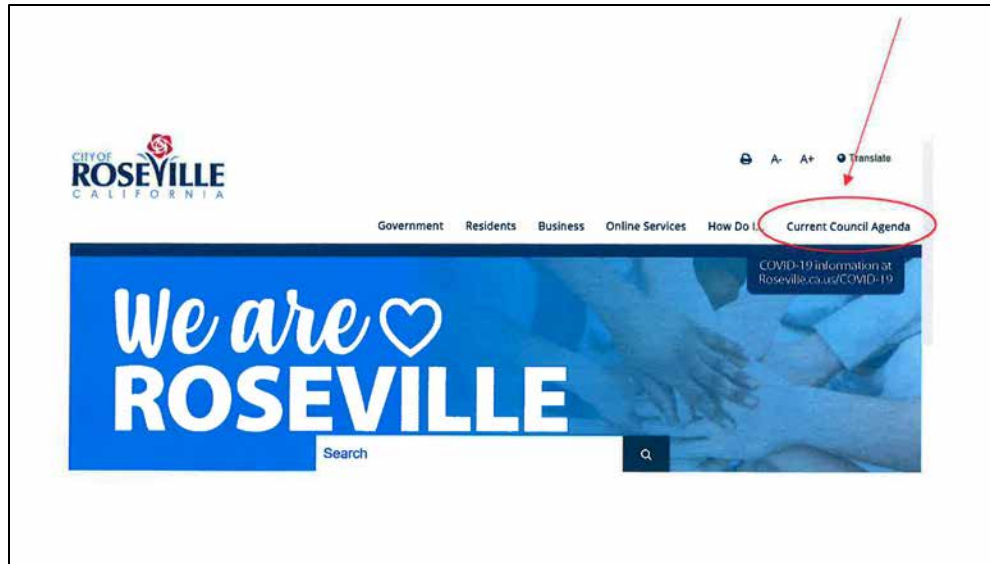
- Recommendations numbered R - 4 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 9/2/2020

Signed: 

John B. Allard II Mayor

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Pioneer Community Energy

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Pioneer Community Energy is a Community Choice Aggregator, operating as a Joint Powers Authority to purchase wholesale electrical power to be delivered and billed to customers by PG&E.

Pioneer's Executive Director serves simultaneously as Pioneer Governing Board Secretary and as the elected Treasurer-Tax Collector of Placer County. Pioneer is understaffed with most work done by the Treasurer-Tax Collector Office employees or outside consultants. Delays in decision-making by the Board of Directors have impacted financial performance and organizational effectiveness.

The grand jury recommends that the Governing Board hire a qualified permanent Executive Director who is not an elected public official. Together, the Board and Executive Director should identify critical resources and create a staffing plan to reduce dependence on Placer County personnel and outside consultants. The Board should create a comprehensive strategic plan to guide its decisions for establishing stable finances and meeting existing and future challenges.

As the grand jury concludes this investigation, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic are unknown but could include revenue losses due to reductions in power usage, customers unable to make timely payments, and increases in uncollectable accounts.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: After nine months, the Governing Board has not yet replaced the interim Executive Director, who resigned July 30, 2019.
- F2: The Governing Board's active involvement is largely rate setting and meeting attendance.
- F3: The Governing Board's delay in making strategic decisions has resulted in a loss of revenue.
- F4: A comprehensive strategic plan has been neither developed nor approved by the Governing Board.
- F5: The Governing Board has taken no steps to solicit community involvement beyond the public comment periods during its meetings.
- F6: The elected Treasurer-Tax Collector of Placer County serves simultaneously as interim Executive Director, Treasurer, and Board Secretary for Pioneer Community Energy.
- F7: Pioneer is understaffed and leverages heavily from internal resources in the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector to conduct operations.

- F8 Pioneer's website has broken or missing links and incomplete and often outdated information.

Recommendations

The grand jury recommends:

- R1: The Pioneer Governing Board identify a new, full time, executive director by October 1, 2020.
- R2: By October 1, 2020, the Board direct the Executive Director to create a plan for educating new board members on Pioneer's basic finances and operations to improve their ability to provide effective oversight of the CCA.
- R3: By October 1, 2020, the Executive Director prepare a plan and timeline for developing a comprehensive strategic plan.
- R4: By October 1, 2020, the roles of Pioneer Executive Director and Board Secretary be performed by separate individuals.
- R5: The Board establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to enhance community relations and local control by October 1, 2020.
- R6: The Executive Director prepare a staffing plan by October 1, 2020, to build in-house expertise and reduce dependence on both personnel borrowed from the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector and contracted outside consultants.
- R7: By October 1, 2020, the Executive Director assign responsibility for website improvement and maintenance, including fixing broken or missing links and timely reporting.

Request for Response:

Pursuant to California Penal Code § 933.05, the Placer County Grand Jury requests a response from the following governing body:

Greg Janda, Chair
Pioneer Community Energy
Governing Board
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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Pioneer Community Energy
Report Date: June 30, 2020
Response By: September 30, 2020 Title: Pioneer Board Chair

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F7.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F8
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.) (See attached letter)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R1, R6, R7 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R2, R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. (See attached letter)
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered R5 require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.) (See attached letter)
- Recommendations numbered R4 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.) (See attached letter)

Date: 09/23/2020 Signed: [Signature]

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September 17, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
2019-20 Placer Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Response to 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Report
Pioneer Community Energy

Dear Mr. Pineschi:

The Pioneer Community Energy Governing (Pioneer) Board has reviewed the 2019-20 Placer County Grand Jury Report regarding Pioneer Community Energy, and hereby submits its response to the findings, and recommendations of the Grand Jury Final Report.

FINDINGS

F1. After nine months, the Governing Board has not yet replaced the interim Executive Director, who resigned July 30, 2019.

F1 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

The Executive Director resigned on July 30, 2019 and continued to serve in an interim role until a replacement was found that could assume the duties. As of the date the Grand Jury Final Report was issued, the Governing Board had been actively recruiting a new Executive Director, and in January 2020 had formed a Recruitment Ad-Hoc Committee for recruitment of that position. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the hiring process, however the recruitment successfully closed in May 2020. The new Executive Director commenced duties on July 13, 2020 replacing the previous interim Executive Director.

F2. The Governing Board's active involvement is largely rate setting and meeting attendance.

F2 Response: The Governing Board respectfully *disagrees wholly with this finding.*

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Subsection (C) of Section 5 of the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the Sierra Valley Energy Authority (now named Pioneer Community Energy), provides the powers and functions of the Board to "...exercise governance, policy guidance and oversight over the business and activities of the Authority, consistent with the Agreement and applicable law." At Board meetings, the Governing Board provides policy direction to the Executive Director and Pioneer staff. The Board meetings occur at least monthly, and the Board has also created sub-committees to focus on specific functions of the agency including:

- Procurement Review Committee – established to oversee power procurement by reviewing pending contracts and portfolio hedging activity in keeping with prudent risk management practices.
- Recruitment Committee – established to oversee the recruitment of the Executive Director.
- Expansion Committee – established to provide direction to staff regarding expansion opportunities for Pioneer's customer base.
- Audit and Finance Committee – established to oversee the annual financial audit and provides direction on budgeting, rate setting, investments, and policy compliance.

F3. The Governing Board's delay in making strategic decisions has resulted in a loss of revenue.

F3 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

As a Community Choice Aggregator, the Pioneer Governing Board is responsible for electric generation rate setting. When considering rates, the Board balances ratepayer value with the financial needs of the agency including the building of reserves and debt payoff. One of the Board's stated goals is to support rates that are stable and competitive to PG&E rates.

The Board was presented with electric generation rate options and respective resulting financial scenarios. The decision was not taken lightly by the Board, and staff and consultants were asked to provide more financial information over the span of multiple Pioneer meetings, as well as at a meeting of a member entity. The level of information and resulting impact to rate payers involved in the rate decision required more time for a greater understanding by Board members and the public than was initially anticipated. While the time delay associated with the Board's rate decision did result in a loss of opportunity to generate additional revenue for the months of July through October of 2019 based on the rates that were



adopted, the ultimate decision supported stability in rates and improved Pioneer's rate competitiveness while still building reserves and repaying debt.

Moreover, along with the October 2019 rate decision, the Board also approved a cash reserves policy in September 2019 that better positions the agency for uncertainty such as volatility in commodity prices or demand from economic or weather induced events. The reserves policy also positions the agency to obtain a future credit rating and creates a better relationship between the Board and staff in understanding the level and use of reserves.

F4. A comprehensive strategic plan has been neither developed nor approved by the Governing Board.

F4 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

While there is currently no formal strategic plan approved by the Board, Pioneer Community Energy has operated, and continues to operate, under the direction of its Implementation Plan as adopted by the Board in July 2017. The Board is active in setting policy in all functional areas of the agency. Moreover, the Board has adopted several policies covering financial, energy risk management and operational matters.

As of the date of this response, the Executive Director is working in collaboration with the Board to develop a formal strategic plan with adoption expected in December 2020. Annual review of the adopted strategic plan will be part of the budget process going forward.

F5. The Governing Board has taken no steps to solicit community involvement beyond the public comment periods during its meetings.

F5 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

Board Members regularly report out at their appropriate City/Town Council and Board of Supervisors meetings, as well as at other community groups where they provide updates regarding Pioneer's business activities. Board Members have also convened community forums from time to time regarding Pioneer's business, specifically regarding rates and finance.

As of the date of this response, the Executive Director is planning to present the creation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board in early 2021.

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F6. The elected Treasurer-Tax Collector of Placer County serves simultaneously as interim Executive Director, Treasurer, and Board Secretary for Pioneer Community Energy.

F6 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

The current Executive Director was hired in May 2020 and assumed the role on July 13, 2020. With the hiring of the Executive Director, the elected Treasurer-Tax Collector of Placer County no longer serves as the Executive Director or Board Secretary. The Treasurer-Tax Collector does remain the Treasurer as defined in the Joint Powers Agreement. Moreover, Section 2.5 of the Bylaws (adopted July 26, 2016) provides "[t]he Secretary shall be the Executive Director." Accordingly, the current Executive Director also serves as Secretary of the Governing Body.

F7. Pioneer is understaffed and leverages heavily from internal resources in the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector to conduct operations.

F7 Response: The Governing Board *agrees with this finding.*

On June 18, 2020 the Board adopted the FY 2020/21 Operating Budget which includes funding for fourteen (14) full-time positions. At the time the budget was adopted, only four (4) full-time positions were filled. The staffing plan included as part of the FY 2020/21 Operating Budget was adopted with the intention of eliminating Pioneer's reliance on resources from the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector. The Executive Director began recruitment for four (4) positions at the end of August 2020.

F8. Pioneer's website has broken or missing links and incomplete and often outdated information.

F8 Response: The Governing Board *partially disagrees with this finding.*

Staff have reviewed the website and corrected all broken or missing links, updated news releases and rates information. Staff has developed procedures to ensure the website is updated promptly with current news and information. Moreover, the Executive Director has assigned website maintenance duties to the Programs Specialist II.



RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. The Pioneer Governing Board identify a new, full-time, Executive Director by October 1, 2020.

R1 Response: The recommendation *has been implemented*.

A new, full-time Executive Director commenced duties July 13, 2020.

R2. By October 1, 2020, the Board direct the Executive Director to create a plan for educating new board members on Pioneer's basic finances and operations to improve their ability to provide effective oversight of the CCA.

R2 Response: The recommendation *has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by February 2021*.

The Executive Director has developed a plan to provide an educational presentation to the Board as part of regular Board meetings. The Executive Director presented the first installment of the educational series at the August 20, 2020 Board meeting. That presentation included an overview of the CCA business and a review of the business model. Future installments of educational presentations at Board meetings are anticipated to include:

- Energy Procurement
- Utility Finances
- Rate Setting
- Power Charge Indifference Adjustment
- Regulatory Environment
- Electric Grid
- Local Energy Resources

It is anticipated there will be a significant change in Board Members in January 2021. In recognition of this anticipated change, the Executive Director will continue to conduct educational workshops for Board Members and Alternate Board Members in early 2021.

R3. By October 1, 2020, the Executive Director prepare a plan and timeline for developing a comprehensive strategic plan.

R3 Response: The recommendation *has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by December 2020*.



The Governing Board and Executive Director believe strategic planning is critical to the long-term success of Pioneer. A strategic plan serves to guide staff in developing work plans, budgets and allocating resources. The Governing Board's responsibilities include approving policy guidance including a strategic plan. It is anticipated the strategic plan, once established, will be reviewed annually by the Board.

In preparing the strategic plan, the Executive Director will be soliciting feedback from the Governing Board to ensure the plan is compatible with Pioneer's mission, vision, and values. Final approval of the strategic plan is expected to be presented to the Board at the December 2020 Board meeting.

R4. By October 1, 2020, the roles of Pioneer Executive Director and Board Secretary be performed by separate individuals.

R4 Response: *The recommendation will not be implemented.*

The direction for the Executive Director to serve as Board Secretary is provided in Section 2.5 of the Pioneer Bylaws (adopted July 26, 2016), which states as follows:

- ***Secretary.** The Secretary shall be the Executive Director. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Authority and record all votes, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Authority in a journal of proceedings to be kept for such purpose, and shall perform all incidents to the office.*

After discussion with Pioneer General Counsel, the duties assigned to the Secretary are not in conflict with the duties assigned to the Executive Director.

At the time of this response, the Executive Director is actively recruiting for a Board Clerk/Executive Assistant position. The Executive Director anticipates the Board Clerk/Executive Assistant will be delegated those duties assigned to the Board Secretary, including preparation of the minutes and record keeping. However, the Executive Director will remain responsible for compliance requirements of the role of Board Secretary.

R5. The Board establish a Citizen Advisory Committee to enhance community relations and local control by October 1, 2020.



R5 Response: The recommendation *requires further analysis*.

The formation of a Citizen Advisory Committee was discussed by the Governing Board earlier this year. The Executive Director anticipates presenting this topic to the Board by February 2021 for the Board's reconsideration.

R6. The Executive Director prepare a staffing plan by October 1, 2020, to build in-house expertise and reduce dependence on both personnel borrowed from the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector and contracted outside consultants.

R6 Response: The recommendation *has been implemented*.

The Governing Board adopted Pioneer's Operating Budget at the June 18, 2020 Board meeting. The budget includes funding of fourteen (14) full-time employees with six (6) positions filled as of August 31, 2020. As of the date of this response, the Executive Director has begun the recruitment process for four (4) positions currently staffed by the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector, with further recruitments planned later in the year.

The personnel budget is based on a staffing plan that will build in-house expertise and reduce dependence on both personnel borrowed from the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector and contracted outside consultants.

However, the use of outside consultants will continue to be in Pioneer's future. There are various duties and functions where it is more cost effective to leverage consultants rather than hire full-time employees.

R7. By October 1, 2020, the Executive Director assign responsibility for website improvement and maintenance, including fixing broken or missing links and timely reporting.

R7 Response: The recommendation *has been implemented*.

Staff has reviewed the website and repaired all identified broken and missing links. Further, Staff has updated the website with current information, and procedures have been put into place for timely updates such as the posting of agenda minutes. Moreover, the Executive Director has assigned website responsibilities to the Programs Specialist II.



Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 577-1042 if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Janda", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Janda
Pioneer Community Energy Board-Chair

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Placer County Information Technology

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Information technology, hereafter referred to as IT, is integral to Placer County's delivery of services to its citizens and for its internal operations. Many offices and departments contain IT resources which are outside the view of the centralized Department of Information Technology. Because of this, it is not possible to understand what Placer County spends on IT.

Proper governance of IT would ensure full transparency of costs and effective use of taxpayer funds. Regular audits and updated processes and procedures will safeguard both the information and the resources that the county needs to provide services to its citizens.

The Placer County Grand Jury recommends that Placer County implement processes to achieve complete transparency of IT costs and strengthen governance so that its citizens have greater confidence in the use of taxpayer funds for IT.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: Placer County's total cost for providing IT services cannot be determined from current financial reports. This defeats the county's goal for transparency of costs and operations.
- F2: Numerous IT policies and procedures, including, among others, "Data Network Standards Policy" (2013) and "Employee Technology Use Policy" (2017), appear to be out-of-date and do not reflect current technology.
- F3: Placer County does not have a complete view of system security, backup, and recovery because of the fragmented responsibility for these services.
- F4: The Department of Information Technology has limited arrangements for cross-training or vacation coverage with offices, departments, or agencies that maintain their own in-house IT operations.
- F5: No audits of security, segregation of duties, or system controls were conducted to verify proper performance of the Workday Enterprise Resource Planning system after its implementation.
- F6: The failure to complete the knowledge transfer plan for the new ERP system required the county to fund the extension of a consulting contract.

Recommendations

The grand jury recommends:

- R1: The Auditor-Controller prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2020, a report of the total countywide IT costs for the 2019–2020 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, so that the total cost of IT is fully transparent.

- R2: The CIO prepare a plan by October 1, 2020, to update IT procedures to align with current technology and business practices.
- R3: The CIO prepare a plan by October 1, 2020, for periodic and unannounced testing at least annually. This should include penetration tests and security validations at a minimum, for organizations that maintain a network outside of the DIT.
- R4: The CIO develop a cross-training plan by October 1, 2020, for the most critical IT functions in other offices and departments to ensure their continuity of operations.
- R5: The Auditor-Controller include ERP system testing in Placer's FY 2020–2021 audit plan by October 1, 2020.
- R6: The Auditor-Controller complete the ERP knowledge transfer by June 30, 2020, to avoid further consulting contract extensions and costs.

Request for Response

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05, the Placer County Grand Jury requests a response from the following:

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R1, R5, R6

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R2, R3, R4

Placer County Auditor-Controller



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August 24, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Placer
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Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
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Re: Placer County Information Technology: Fiscal Transparency and Governance

Dear Members of the Grand Jury,

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Information Technology: Fiscal Transparency and Governance.

FINDINGS

- F1. Placer County's total cost for providing IT services cannot be determined from current financial reports. This defeats the county's goal for transparency of costs and operations.**

We partially agree with the finding. Currently, expenditures for IT services are recorded in the Workday financial system (Workday Financials) and tracked at the department level. Thus, the annual overall costs for IT services are not reflected in the IT Department's budget. Through Workday Financials, custom reports can provide the County's total cost of IT services. Most of the IT expenses reside in the IT Department budget and are reportable at any point during the fiscal year through the Workday Financials system. A much smaller portion of IT expenses reside within the individual department budgets, which would be reportable on an individual department basis according to their cost accounting model. Department budgets, which include their IT costs, are reviewed and approved by the County Executive office before submission to the Board of Supervisors. Throughout the fiscal year, all departments, including the IT Department, carefully monitor

expenditures through Workday Financials to ensure they remain within the Board of Supervisors' approved budget.

F5. No audits of security, segregation of duties, or system controls were conducted to verify proper performance of the Workday Enterprise Resource Planning system after its implementation.

We disagree with this finding. The County's external auditors, Eide Bailly LLP, were engaged to conduct the annual financial and compliance audit of the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Professional standards require the external auditors to evaluate the County's system of internal controls as part of the financial audit engagement, which would also include evaluating proper segregation of duties. In addition, the external auditors were separately engaged to conduct an audit of the Workday security controls. Just because a formal written report was not issued, does not mean the external auditors did not review Workday security and system controls. Last, the County's Internal Audit Division has been conducting compliance and mandated audits since the implementation of Workday and have been providing observations and recommendations to County departments on how they can improve the internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations.

F6. The failure to complete the knowledge transfer plan for the new ERP system required the county to fund the extension of a consulting contract.

We disagree with this finding. The extension of the consulting contract was deemed necessary to further stabilize the entire ERP system, which included its financial, human resources and payroll functions. The knowledge transfer plan was implemented prior to the referred consulting contract termination date. As indicated in the report, the County hired two consulting firms to assist with the ERP migration to Workday. Through the County's IT Governance process, the go-live date for the system's Human Capital Management (HCM) and Payroll functions was delayed by six months. This delay allowed departments to better prepare for the transition and for the Workday Support Organization (WSO) to further stabilize the financial system. To maintain the operational effectiveness of the WSO, the Leckey Consulting contract was extended for six months. The extension allowed the WSO to stabilize the HCM and Payroll system following its implementation date, which minimized the impact on the County's departments. Thus, the knowledge transfer was delayed as the WSO's resources continued to prioritize and implement stabilization efforts. The ERP knowledge transfer was completed prior to the Leckey Consulting contract termination date of June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. The Auditor-Controller prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2020, a report of the total Countywide IT costs for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, so that the total cost of IT is fully transparent.**

This recommendation will not be implemented. It is not the responsibility of the Auditor-Controller to provide this information to the Board of Supervisors. As stated in my response, this information can readily be obtained from the Workday application. Furthermore, this type of financial information is better suited coming from the County Executive Office since they have knowledge on how County departments budget for their IT needs. This was mentioned to the County Grand Jury during the interview process. The cost of doing business in all areas of County government is included in the County's adopted budget as well as the County's CAFR. In addition, there is already an existing process in place where members of the public can obtain this information through the Public Records Act.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the total Countywide IT costs are approximately \$37.6 million.

- R5. The Auditor-Controller include ERP system testing in Placer's FY 2020-2021 audit plan by October 1, 2020.**

This recommendation has been implemented. The County has new external auditors, CliftonLarsonAllen, and they have already commenced testing of Workday system controls and segregation of duties over our 3 primary financial transaction cycles: cash disbursements, cash receipts and payroll. In addition, during the 1st year of engaging new auditors, we ask the external auditors to evaluate the IT security controls in the general ledger (Workday). They are currently in the process of conducting interviews with the ERP manager and Chief Information Officer and if they have any observations/findings, they will be presented to the Auditor-Controller and the Audit Committee at the conclusion of the financial audit, if not sooner.

In addition, the Internal Audit Division of the Auditor-Controller's Office has already developed an Internal Audit Plan for FY2020-2021 that always includes a review and testing of the Workday application, especially when we conduct departmental audit engagements.

R6. The Auditor-Controller complete the ERP knowledge transfer by June 30, 2020, to avoid further consulting contract extensions and costs.

This recommendation has been implemented. As stated in my response to the finding, the ERP knowledge transfer was completed prior to the expiration of the consulting contract with Leckey Consulting on June 30, 2020. It should also be noted this extension proved invaluable to the County as Leckey Consulting assisted us through COVID-19 and the County's workforce transitioning to a telework environment, all of which directly impacted the Workday application and the Workday Support Organization.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Sisk, CPA
Auditor-Controller

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer

Chief Information Officer



September 22, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
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PLACER COUNTY
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Re: Placer County Information Technology: Fiscal Transparency and Governance

Dear Presiding Judge,

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Information Technology: Fiscal Transparency and Governance.

FINDINGS

- F1. Placer County's total cost for providing IT services cannot be determined from current financial reports. This defeats the county's goal for transparency of costs and operations.**

We partially agree with the finding. Currently, expenditures for IT services are recorded in the Workday financial system (Workday Financials) and tracked at the department level. Thus, the annual overall costs for IT services are not reflected in the IT Department's budget. Through Workday Financials, custom reports can provide the County's total cost of IT services. The majority of all IT expenses reside in the IT Department budget and are reportable at any point during the fiscal year through the Workday Financials system. A much smaller portion of IT expenses reside within the individual department budgets, which would be reportable on an individual department basis according to their cost accounting model. Department budgets, which include their IT costs, are reviewed and approved by the County Executive office before submission to the Board of Supervisors. Throughout the fiscal year, all departments, including the IT Department, carefully monitor expenditures through Workday Financials to ensure they remain within the Board of Supervisors' approved budget.

- F2. Numerous IT policies and procedures, including, among others, "Data Network Standards Policy" (2013) and "Employee Technology Use Policy" (2017), appear to be out-of-date and do not reflect current technology.**

We agree with the finding. With the changing landscape of the technology industry, the Department understands the importance of keeping documentation as current as possible. Updated information is vital to keep employees and department stakeholders apprised of technological changes which impact the County. Doing so ensures the County's data and information technology assets are secure, available, and integrous. Since the Department's formation in January 2019, maintaining its documentation has been a priority. The IT Department adopted an internal procedure to review its documentation annually. The IT

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Management team annually reviews all department and countywide technology policies and procedures in a January workshop to identify highest priority revisions for review in the upcoming calendar year. The objective of the workshop is to ensure every policy and procedure is reviewed and/or updated at least every other year on a 2-year maximum cycle. In addition, a revision history sheet will be added to all documentation to notate when reviews that do not require revisions are completed and to easily identify and summarize incorporated revisions to documentation.

Starting in January 2020, all IT policies and procedures were prioritized for review and revision. The policies and procedures available at the time of the finding all have been reviewed and updated where required. In June 2020, revised documents were submitted to the Placer Administrative Manual (PAM) committee, which is responsible for the review and approval of countywide policies for all departments.

F3. Placer County does not have a complete view of system security, backup, and recovery because of the fragmented responsibility for these services.

We agree with the finding. This risk was identified prior to the release of the Grand Jury report and as a result, the Information Technology (IT) Department initiated a project early in calendar year 2020 to develop a new countywide business continuity plan. In March 2020, the IT Department developed the project's statement of work, which was then shared with respectable organizations that support business continuity planning. Agility Recovery was engaged in April 2020 to assist in the development of a new business continuity plan. Agility Recovery will help the County to identify critical business functions and supporting systems along with recovery time objectives and priorities. We will also identify the County's operational dependencies on vendors and service partners to include in the business continuity plan. The project was announced to County departments in July 2020 and a project kick off meeting was held on August 3, 2020. An updated countywide Business Continuity Plan will be completed by the end of calendar year 2020 and a tabletop exercise will be conducted in December to validate that business continuity and disaster recovery plans are effective. The Business Continuity Plan will be updated and tested annually to validate that County capability to maintain critical systems during an outage.

F4. The Department of Information Technology has limited arrangements for cross-training or vacation coverage with offices, departments, or agencies that maintain their own in-house IT operations.

We agree with the finding. The Information Technology (IT) Department will work with departments that have only one IT resource in FY20/21 to establish a support plan for cross training and backup should the need arise. We will offer options for business analysis services to document local procedures and department guidelines with regular review by the assigned County IT backup. Additionally, we anticipate that these resources will be identified as single point of failure through the Business Continuity Planning project and further mitigation strategies will be identified and potentially implemented as part of that project.

For the other departments with more than 1 IT resource, the IT Department will engage with departments at least annually to discuss any needs for resource support and review the

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County's updated IT policies and procedures. We will discuss how the IT Department can support the revision or new development of IT procedures and policies within departments, also sharing the revised countywide IT policies and procedures.

- F5. No audits of security, segregation of duties, or system controls were conducted to verify proper performance of the Workday Enterprise Resource Planning system after its implementation.**

This finding does not pertain to the IT Department.

- F6. The failure to complete the knowledge transfer plan for the new ERP system required the county to fund the extension of a consulting contract.**

We disagree with this finding. The extension of the consulting contract was deemed necessary to further stabilize the entire ERP system, which included its financial, human resources and payroll functions. The knowledge transfer plan was implemented prior to the referred consulting contract termination date. As indicated in the report, the County hired two consulting firms to assist with the ERP migration to Workday. Through the County's IT Governance process, the go-live date for the system's Human Capital Management (HCM) and Payroll functions was delayed by six months. This delay allowed departments to better prepare for the transition and for the Workday Support Organization (WSO) to further stabilize the financial system. To maintain the operational effectiveness of the WSO, the Leckey Consulting contract was extended for six months. The extension allowed the WSO to stabilize the HCM and Payroll system following its implementation date, which minimized the impact on the County's departments. Thus, the knowledge transfer was delayed as the WSO's resources continued to prioritize and implement stabilization efforts. The ERP knowledge transfer was completed prior to the Leckey Consulting contract termination date of June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R2. The CIO prepare a plan by October 1, 2020, to update IT procedures to align with current technology and business practices.**

This recommendation has been implemented. The Placer County IT Department maintains all procedures using the IT Information Library (ITIL) best practice of continual process improvement. As part of this overall program, all Countywide IT policies are reviewed annually for accuracy and currency. Under the direction of the CIO, each member of the IT Management team is assigned primary ownership over policies that reside in their respective areas of responsibility. As part of this process, a revision history sheet is included with all County policy documents to annotate the interval at which the policy was reviewed and or updated. If no changes are required at the annual review, the review is noted in the revision history.

During County fiscal year 19/20, all IT policies and procedures underwent review. All policies proposed for update or revision were submitted to the Placer Administrative Manual (PAM) committee in June 2020. The PAM committee is the formal County body responsible for review and approval of countywide policies for all departments.

- R3. The CIO prepare a plan by October 1, 2020, for periodic and unannounced testing at least annually. This should include penetration tests and security validations at a minimum, for organizations that maintain a network outside of the DIT.**

This recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. The Placer County Information Technology Department maintains the security administration and policies for the Placer County Data Network. The IT Department recently completed a comprehensive penetration test of the County's network that serves all but two County departments. Additionally, The IT Department's Information Security Team perform periodic vulnerability scans of computer and server assets connected to the County's network. In fiscal year 20/21, the Information Security Team will implement a vulnerability management platform to enhance our vulnerability scanning process providing advanced analytics, customizable dashboards and reports, and workflows to identify weaknesses on network connected devices. Vulnerability scans of computer and server assets can then be automated and performed on a regular schedule to identify vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and malware.

The IT Department will work with the two departments that utilize network services external to the Placer County Data Network to provide annual penetration testing and vulnerability scanning of network assets. We will work with those departments to identify, rank, and remediate risks identified by the security validations performed. Additionally, we will include department assets that are maintained outside of the IT Department but are connected to the County's data network in the vulnerability management platform in order to perform regularly schedule vulnerability scan to maintain an acceptable level of security for those assets.

- R4. The CIO develop a cross-training plan by October 1, 2020, for the most critical IT functions in other offices and departments to ensure their continuity of operations.**

This recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. The Department acknowledges a plan for the most critical IT functions for departmental operations continuity is necessary. Prior to recent catastrophic events impacting the County, Public Service Power Shutdown events and COVID-19 pandemic, the Department realized its business continuity plan was outdated. The Department recognized the importance of developing a plan that maintained operations during disruptive events whether from a loss of people, facilities, technology, and/or a vendor. As a result, the Department contracted a respected vendor, Agility Recovery, to engage in the development of a new business continuity plan. The vendor will assist the Department in:

- Interviewing all County departments and their crucial divisions to identify critical solutions and interdependencies,
- Drafting a countywide plan to implement an incident response and recovery framework and procedures based on the data gathered in interviews and through questionnaires,
- Conducting workshops for further plan development with key IT stakeholders, and
- Facilitating a tabletop exercise to test the new business continuity plan.

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The Department anticipates a fully developed and tested plan will be delivered by the end of the 2020 calendar year. Through this process, the Department will be able to identify the most critical functions in other offices/departments and establish procedures to ensure continuity of operations during a disruption.

Sincerely,


[Jarrett Thiessen \(Sep 11, 2020 09:43 PDT\)](#)

Jarrett Thiessen, Chief Information Officer
Placer County

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer
Walter Moore, Foreperson, Placer County Grand Jury



School Board Agendas

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California enacted Assembly Bill 2257, codified in California Code § 54954.2 requiring all legislative bodies to have a prominent, direct link to their board agenda on their website's homepage after January 1, 2019. The Placer County Grand Jury investigated compliance with this legislation for the Placer County Office of Education and sixteen school districts in Placer County. We found twelve districts and the Office of Education are compliant; four are not as of March 2020. The grand jury recommends these four districts update their websites to the current requirements.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: Auburn Union, Bowman Charter, Dry Creek Joint Elementary, Foresthill Union, Loomis Union, Placer Hills Union, Placer Union High, Rocklin Unified, Roseville City, Roseville Joint Union High, Tahoe-Truckee, and Western Placer school districts are compliant with AB 2257.
- F2: While technically compliant, Bowman Charter, Foresthill Union, Loomis Union, Placer Hills Union, Placer Union High, Rocklin Unified, and Tahoe-Truckee should make their agenda link more prominent on their home page.
- F3: Alta Dutch Flat Elementary, Colfax Elementary, Eureka Union, and Newcastle Elementary school districts are not in compliance with AB 2257.

Recommendations

The grand jury recommends:

- R1: Alta Dutch Flat Elementary School District update its website to include a prominent direct link to the board agenda by September 1, 2020.
- R2: Colfax Union School District update its website to include a prominent direct link to the board agenda by September 1, 2020.
- R3: Eureka Union School District update its website to include a prominent direct link to the board agenda by September 1, 2020.
- R4: Newcastle Elementary School District update its website to include a prominent direct link to the board agenda by September 1, 2020.
- R5: Bowman Charter, Foresthill Union, Loomis Union, Placer Hills Union, Placer Union, Rocklin Unified and Tahoe-Truckee school districts change their agenda link to be more prominent on their home page by September 1, 2020.

Request for Response

Pursuant to Penal Code § 933.05, the Placer County Grand Jury requests a response from the following governing bodies:

	<u>Recommendations Requiring Response</u>
Rochelle Baiocchi, Board President Alta-Dutch Flat Elementary School District 34050 Alta Bonnynook Rd Alta, CA 95701	R1
Karen Sheets, Board President Colfax Elementary School District 24825 Ben Taylor Colfax, CA 95713	R2
Renee Nash, Board President Eureka Union School District 5455 Eureka Rd Granite Bay, CA 95746	R3
Steve Peck, Board President Newcastle Elementary School District 645 Kentucky Greens Way Newcastle, CA 95658	R4
Robert Kanngiesser, Board President Bowman Charter School District 13777 Bowman Rd Auburn, CA 95603	R5
Casey Peoples, Board President Foresthill Union School District 22888 Foresthill Rd Foresthill, CA 95631	R5
Jim Foster, Board President Loomis Union School District 3290 Humphrey Rd Loomis, CA 95650	R5

Glenn Pierce, Board President
Placer Hills Union School District
16801 Placer Hills Rd.
Meadow Vista, CA 95733

R5

Ron Oates, Board President
Placer Union High School District
1919 Grass Valley Hwy
Auburn, CA 95603

R5

Rick Miller, Board President
Rocklin Unified School District
2615 Sierra Meadows Dr.
Rocklin, CA 95677

R5

Kim Szczurek, Board President
Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District
11603 Donner Pass Rd.
Truckee, CA 96161

R5

Alta-Dutch Flat Union School District

PLACER COUNTY

ALTA-DUTCH FLAT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

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GRAND JURY

Re: Alta-Dutch Flat School District Response to Findings and Recommendations in the Placer County School Board Agendas.

Dear Grand Jury:

In accordance with State law, (Penal Code Sections 933.05 et seq.), as the Superintendent/Principal of the Alta-Dutch Flat School District, I submit on behalf of the school district, our response to the findings and recommendations contained in the Grand Jury report entitled "*Placer County School Board Agendas*".

Alta-Dutch Flat School District recognizes that the public has full access to school board agendas per the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 2257 Section 54954.2. The school district is fully committed to creating access to school board agendas and minutes. The school district has made the upgrades to our school website and created a visible and easy access point to board documents.

The Grand Jury report brings insight and reasonable suggestions that have been implemented. We will continue to work closely with all stakeholders to improve the access to board agendas for all at Alta-Dutch Flat School District.

Sincerely,



Michael Wells
Superintendent/Principal
Alta-Dutch Flat School District

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: SCHOOL BOARD AGENDAS
Report Date: JUNE 30, 2020
Response By: MICHAEL WELLS Title: SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F3.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R1 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/12/2020

Signed: _____

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Bowman Charter

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RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: School Board Agendas
Report Date: June 26, 2020
Response By: Rob Kampjasser Title: Board President

FINDINGS

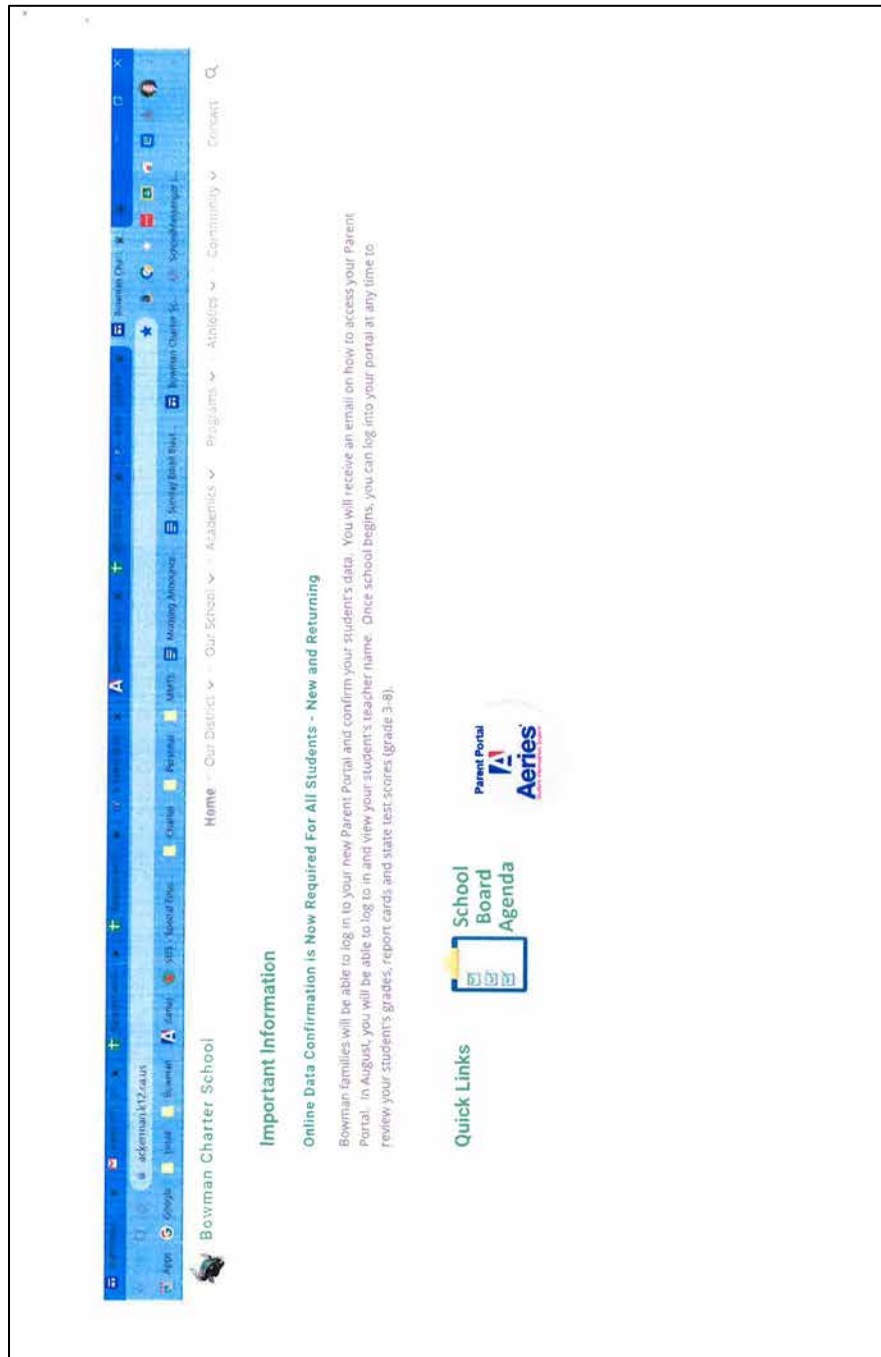
- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: RS.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered RS have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented solutions.)
See attached more prominent
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 931.85(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
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- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 7/7/20 Signed: Rob Kampjasser

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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: School Board
Agendas

Report Date: June 20, 2020

Response By: John Baggett Title: Superintendent/Principal

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: _____.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: X.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)
Board Agendas are accessible via our website but are not directly on the homepage. Therefore, we partially disagree and have changed access to a more prominent direct link to Board Agendas from our home page.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered X have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
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- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: October 2, 2020

Signed: _____



Eureka Union School District

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County of Placer
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Chief Business Officer:

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Director of Curriculum, Instruction,

Professional Development and Student

Assessment:

Ginna Myers Ph.D.

Director of Human Resources:

Kelli Hanson, Ed.D.

Director of Student Services:

Kristi Marinus

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July 13, 2020

Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
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County of Placer
PO Box 619072
Roseville, California 95661

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PLACER COUNTY
GRAND JURY

Re: Board of Trustees, Eureka Union School District, Response to Placer County June 30, 2020
Grand Jury Report, "School Board Agendas"

Honorable Judge Pineschi:

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Eureka Union School District ("District") hereby submits its formal response to the June 30, 2020 Placer County Grand Jury Report entitled, "School Board Agendas".

BOARD'S RESPONSE

The Board and the District agree that Board agendas must be posted in locations freely accessible to members of the public, including the agency's website. California enacted Assembly Bill 2257, codified in California Code § 54954.2 requiring all legislative bodies to have a prominent, direct link to their Board agenda on their website's homepage.

As of March 2020, the Placer County Grand Jury concluded its investigation and found that Eureka Union School District was one of four county districts that was not compliant with having a direct link to the Board agenda on the District website's homepage. The District became aware that the website's homepage was not compliant earlier in 2020. On February 17, 2020, the District took action by placing a direct link to the Board agenda for the public to access from the District website's homepage.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY'S FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Finding and Recommendation:

Eureka Union School District is not in compliance with AB 2257. Recommendation is Eureka Union School District to update its website to include a prominent direct link to the Board agenda by September 1, 2020.

Board of Trustees:

Jeff Conklin ♦ Ryan Jones ♦ Melissa MacDonald, Ph.D. ♦ Renee Nash ♦ Andrew Sheehy

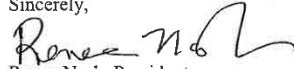
Response to Finding and Recommendation:

On February 17, 2020, the District took action by placing a direct link to the Board agenda for the public to access from the website's homepage. Please see enclosure of screenshot from the District website's homepage or access website <http://www.eurekausd.org/>.

CONCLUSION

As explained above, the Board is committed to abiding by the requirements set forth in the Brown Act. As the District placed the direct link to the Board agenda on the website's homepage on February 17, 2020, the District is compliant with California Assembly Bill 2257.

Sincerely,



Renee Nash, President
Board of Education
Eureka Union School District

Enclosures

cc: Members of the EUSD Board of Trustees
Tom Janis, EUSD Superintendent
Eureka Union School District
5455 Eureka Road
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Board of Trustees:

Jeff Conklin ♦ Ryan Jones ♦ Melissa MacDonald, Ph.D. ♦ Renee Nash ♦ Andrew Sheehy

ENCLOSURE

Enclosure: District website homepage (<http://www.eurekausd.org/>) showing Board agenda access link located on the right side of the screen



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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: School Board Agendas
Report Date: 6-30-2020
Response By: Cathy Peoples Title: President

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F1.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R5 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered ~~R5~~ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Per Penal Code § 933.05(b)(2), a time frame for implementation must be included. Describe here or in an attachment.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Describe here or attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 10-1-2020 Signed: 

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Response to Grand Jury Report

October 1, 2020

We redesigned our website, which went live July 2020. Per the Grand Jury's recommendation R5 we have moved All board related items, zoom link, agenda link, and board meeting dates as the first items listed only below the Upcoming events banner. When meetings are approaching, these will also rotate into the upcoming events banner. We hope that these Items meet and exceed the R5 recommendations, if for any reason the Grand Jury is not satisfied please let us know so that we can make the changes accordingly.

Thank you,

Casey Peoples

FUSD Board President

Loomis Union School District

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2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: School Board Agendas
Report Date: June 30, 2020
Response By: Jim Foster Title: Board President

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F2.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R5 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
Agenda link has been moved to a more prominent location on the home page of the district website.
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
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- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 7/21/2020

Signed: 

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Newcastle Elementary School District

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July 8, 2020

Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Placer County Grand Jury Members:

We have received your Grand Jury Final Report – School Board Agendas and are sending you our response.

The report indicated Newcastle Elementary School District was not in compliance with legislation requiring legislative bodies to have a prominent, direct link to their board agenda on their website's homepage.

The Newcastle Elementary School District has updated its website, effective July 7, 2020, to include a direct link to the board agenda. Although we thought we were in compliance by having a link to the Board Agenda on the homepage, it required 2 clicks rather than 1 to reach the actual agenda. The issue has been corrected.

Please contact me at drush@newcastle.k12.ca.us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Respectfully,

Denny Rush
Superintendent

cc: Laura Newby, Board President
Steve Peck, Board Member

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ROCKLIN ACADEMY GATEWAY * GOLDEN VALLEY TAHOE

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Placer Hills Union School District

2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM

Report Title: Grand Jury Final Report- School Board Agendas
Report Date: ~~August 6, 2020~~ June 26, 2020
Response By: Glenn Pierce Title: PHUSD Board President

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: F1, F2.
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings, numbered: _____.
(Describe here or attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed or not applicable; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R5 have been implemented.
(Describe here or attach a summary statement regarding the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
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- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Describe here or attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/6/2020

Signed: Glenn V. Pierce

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Placer Hills Union School District

Implemented Actions:

In response to the Grand Jury Report, Placer Hills Union School District has implemented the recommendation numbered R5. Recommendation R5 has been updated on Placer Hills Union School District's website (www.phusd.org). The District added verbiage underneath the Agenda Online link, to make it more prominent and by helping new and current families and community members know that the link will take them to current and past Board Agendas in one click.


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[Parent FAQ 07/24/2020](#)
[Updated Start of School Letter 07/17/2020](#)
[Contractor's Pre-Qualification Application](#)

Placer Hills Union School District is pleased to announce the posting of an E-Rate eligible Request for Proposal (RFP): [Network Infrastructure Project #2](#). Bids are due March 3, 2020 no later than 4:00PM at the District Office located at 16801 Placer Hills Rd., Meadow Vista, CA 95722. Interested vendors are responsible for checking the Placer Hills Union School District website News & Events section for updates on this project. [Network Infrastructure Project #2: Addendum #1](#), [Addendum #2: Bid Q&A](#), [Addendum #3](#).

The District is exploring the International Baccalaureate Programme & Sierra Hills has been accepted into candidacy. To find out more about the program please visit the [IB website](#) for more information.

We are now accepting [Interdistrict Transfer Request Forms](#) for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are looking to enroll your children in our district or renewing to continue, please submit your completed forms to [Shae Wall](#) at the District Office.



Sierra Hills School
(TK-3rd)



Weimar Hills School
(4th-8th)



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



Placer Union High School District

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AREA 5/DEL ORO

October 5, 2020

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
County of Placer
P.O. Box 619072
Roseville, CA 95661

Placer County Grand Jury
11532 B Avenue
Auburn, CA 9603

Via email: info@placergrandjury.org

Dear Judge Pineschi and Placer County Grand Jury,

The following is in response to the finding and recommendations contained in the 2019-2020 Grand Jury Report pertaining to *School Board Agendas*. Our district did not receive a copy of the report as it was sent to an incorrect address (1919 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, CA 95603). Board President, Ronald Oates, received an email on October 2, 2020 that we had not responded to the report and forwarded the information to my attention.

I have carefully reviewed the information and recommendations by the Placer County Grand Jury. After a thorough review, my response is as follows:

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings, numbered: **F1 and F2**.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered **R5** have been implemented.

Recommendation R5: Placer Union High School District should change their agenda link to be more prominent on their home page by September 1, 2020.

COLFAX HIGH SCHOOL | COLFAX UNION HIGH SCHOOL | DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL | FOREST HILL HIGH SCHOOL | FOREST HILL UNION HIGH SCHOOL | FOREST HILL ACADAMY | PLACER HIGH SCHOOL | PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL

The Placer Union High School District, an equal opportunity workplace, is committed to student learning by providing teaching excellence in a supportive environment.

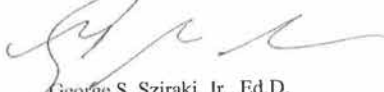
Response: *This recommendation has been implemented*

Placer Union High School District has added an additional link titled Board Agendas/Minutes Link on the home page of our website for further clarity. We still have a link at the top of the page titled Board of Trustees that also has a link to the board agenda and minutes page. The link to the district website is: <http://www.puhsd.k12.ca.us/>



Additionally, The Grand Jury Report and our response will be placed on our October 20, 2020 Regular Board Agenda for transparency and consent.

Sincerely,



George S. Sziraki, Jr., Ed.D.
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July 14, 2020

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Re: Response of the Board President of the Rocklin Unified School District to the Grand Jury Report
pertaining to *School Board Agendas*

Dear Judge Pineschi and Mr. Moore:

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the following is the Rocklin Unified School District's
("RUSD") formal response to the Grand Jury Report, entitled "*School Board Agendas*."

I have carefully reviewed the findings and recommendations formulated by the Placer County Grand Jury pertaining
to School Board agendas. After a thorough review, my response is the following:

FINDINGS

Finding 1 (F1): Thank you for sharing that Rocklin Unified School District is in legal compliance with AB 2257 and
current law regarding Brown Act requirements for school board agendas. I agree that RUSD is in legal compliance
with F1.

Finding 2 (F2): We appreciate your input and always serve to be open and accessible to the public. In addition to the
current School Board agenda links, which are in compliance with the law, we will take your recommendation in F2
into consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation (R5): We appreciate your input and always serve to be open and accessible to the public. In
addition to the current School Board agenda links, which are in compliance with the law, we will take your
recommendation in R5 into consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Miller
Board President

Board Members: Eric Stevens • Camille Maben • Dereck Counter • Rick Miller • Rachelle Price



Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities

Final Report Pages 87-96

This report summarizes the Placer County Grand Jury inspections conducted at the six Placer County jails and holding facilities during the months of October and November 2019.

Overall, the grand jury found these facilities to be secure, orderly and well-run.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: The three jail facilities and three holding facilities are clean, well-managed, and well-maintained.
- F2: The inmates respond favorably to work opportunities offered at the Minimum-Security facility. Inmate workers manifest a markedly positive attitude.
- F3: The sewing program at the Minimum-Security facility is an exceptional example of a work opportunity with the potential to transform the inmates' lives while increasing their motivation and self-esteem.
- F4: The tunnel between the South Placer Adult Jail and the Santucci Courthouse makes the transfer of inmates more safe, efficient, and secure.
- F5: Operation by key of the gate to the secure sally port at the Historic Courthouse is laborious and outdated.
- F6: Most security cameras at the Historic Courthouse offer images of very poor quality. Certain key locations have no security surveillance at all.
- F7: The Burton Creek facility should be replaced. Although a plan exists to replace the facility in FY 2024–25, the need is more immediate. The Tahoe City area requires a modernized and expanded facility that will allow inmates held in Tahoe City to be kept in-county.

Recommendations

The grand jury recommends:

- R1: By October 1, 2020, develop a plan and cost analysis of expanding successful work programs for inmates at the minimum-security jail.
- R2: By October 1, 2020, replace the keyed gate to the sally port at the Historic Courthouse with a magnetic fob, to allow for easier operation of the gate.
- R3: By October 1, 2020, evaluate the surveillance cameras at the Historic Courthouse. Replace poorly functioning security cameras and add cameras in a few key areas. Install new cameras and surveillance improvements within 180 days of the evaluation.
- R4: By October 1, 2020, evaluate the possibility of expediting the planning and construction of the new Tahoe Justice Center ahead of schedule.

Request for Responses:

Pursuant to Penal Code §933.05, the Placer County Grand Jury requests responses from the following governing or elected officials:

Recommendations **Requiring Response**

Sheriff Devon Bell
Placer County Sheriff's Office
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R1 thru R4

Bonnie Gore, Chair
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R4

Placer County Sheriff's Office



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Dear Placer County Grand Jury,

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to you to the Grand Jury Final Report, Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities,

FINDINGS

I agree with the findings, numbered F1 through F7.

- **F1:** The three jail facilities and three holding facilities are clean, well-managed, and well-maintained.
- **F2:** The inmates respond favorably to work opportunities offered at the Minimum-Security facility. Inmate workers manifest a markedly positive attitude.
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- **F7:** The Burton Creek facility should be replaced. Although a plan exists to replace the facility in FY 2024-25, the need is more immediate. The Tahoe City area requires a

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modernized and expanded facility that will allow inmates held in Tahoe City to be kept in-county.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **R1:** By October 1, 2020, develop a plan and cost analysis of expanding successful work programs for inmates at the minimum-security jail.

Response: Recommendation numbered R1 have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Placer County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division, offered a variety of work programs through the Minimum Security facilities that had to be placed on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic. The programs below are, or will be, coordinated from within the Placer School for Adults out of the South Placer Jail. Costs for inmate programs are funded through the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF).

- In the short term, the following programs are ready to be started again with minimal cost as soon as the pandemic resolves: CalTrans Work Crew, CalFire Chipper Crew, Sewing, Embroidery, PCSO Fleet Vehicle Maintenance, Placer County Small Engine Repair.
 - In the near term, the following programs were nearing implementation, but again were put on hold because of the pandemic: Culinary Training, California ServSafe Certification, Forklift Operator Certification, Placer County Landscaping, Media Design/Printing. Each of the programs will be implemented with minimal cost, as they involve contracts already in place in the Corrections Division, and/or equipment previously purchased and re-tasked within the Sheriff's Office.
 - Within 2-3 years, The Corrections Division will begin construction on a \$30 Million vocational training center to be located on the South Placer Jail campus. The training programs will be based around partnerships with local businesses and could include options in construction, automotive repair and bodywork/painting, cosmetology, etc. The training center is being funded through state grants and as the program moves closer to implementation, costs of the training itself will be determined based on the courses offered and community involvement.
- **R2:** By October 1, 2020, replace the keyed gate to the sally port at the Historic Courthouse with a magnetic fob, to allow for easier operation of the gate.

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Response: Recommendation numbered R2 requires further analysis.

While replacing the keypad gate with a magnetic fob may provide easier access, the keypad is currently operational and not posing any notable significant safety concern. This will be reviewed over the next six months to determine the frequency of safety issues as they arise.

R3: By October 1, 2020, evaluate the surveillance cameras at the Historic Courthouse. Replace poorly functioning security camera and add cameras in a few key areas. Install new cameras and surveillance improvements within 180 days of the evaluation.

Response: Recommendation numbered R3 has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.

The Sheriff's Office agrees the security cameras at the Historic Courthouse are in the need of upgrades but defers to the AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) for further analysis on this issue, as they are responsible for the Auburn Historic Courthouse facility.

This request has been made through the Judicial Council, and Sheriff's Court Security staff will work with the Court and Judicial Council on implementation efforts once funding is approved. Unfortunately, due to a statewide Trial Court budget reduction of \$168 million, there are no allocated funds or time-frame available for the video system upgrade.

- **R4:** By October 1, 2020, evaluate the possibility of expediting the planning and construction of the new Tahoe Justice Center ahead of schedule.

RESPONSE: Recommendation R4 will not likely be implemented because it is not feasible.

We met with the county's Capital Improvement team last year on several occasions and within different formats to discuss the overall project. While I can't speak for the persons pushing the project forward and the specific obstacles they must evaluate, we do recognize the county is bound by legal processes, procedural guidelines, necessary impact studies and community input. The location within the Tahoe Basin adds to that complexity with additional environmental and building code regulations.

We intend to stay engaged with the county stakeholders during this process and will continue to push for time efficiencies where applicable. At the present time, the county has contracted for a site assessment and soil tests, and TRPA (Tahoe Regional Planning Agency) has been on-sight evaluating the extent of coverage available for actual use.

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The project may not be moving forward at a pace that would put a new facility ahead of the current timeline; nonetheless, the project is moving forward, and this is due, in very large part to the attention of successive grand juries.

We do appreciate the continued emphasis from our Grand Jury and look forward to a groundbreaking ceremony where we can highlight and celebrate your contribution(s).

I wish to thank the members of the 2019-2020 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community, and for their hard work in the past year.

Sincerely

Devon Bell
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall

cc: Board of Supervisors
Todd Leopold, Placer County Executive Officer
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September 22, 2020

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Re: Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities

Dear Members of the Grand Jury,

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities.

FINDINGS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- R4: By October 1, 2020 evaluate the possibility of expediting the planning and constructions of the new Tahoe Justice Center ahead of schedule.

The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities
September 22, 2020 | Page Two

Response: The Board of Supervisors recognize the importance of a new Tahoe Justice Center and have prioritized its construction. Starting in fall 2019, the County has hired a number of experts to determine if constructing a replacement facility on the existing site is technically feasible. First, the County engaged a consultant to complete a soils and land capability analysis and draft a Stream Environment Zone (SEZ) report. This information accompanied a Land Capability Verification application submitted to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) in late 2019 and the County received initial feedback in February 2020. The County then engaged a surveyor to map current site coverage and an engineer to conduct a geotech and hydrological study. The survey and geotech/hydrology study will be submitted to TRPA along with a Land Coverage Verification application in fall 2020. Based on this information, TRPA will make the determination regarding the site's capability which is key for proceeding with project planning and the County's applications for environmental reviews and land use approvals needed for construction of the Justice Center at this site.

In late 2019, the County was informed that the Tahoe Court project (a large portion of the Tahoe Justice Center) was ranked in the highest need category, "immediate need", by the Courthouse Facility Advisory Committee to the California Courts Judicial Council. Funding for this project was included in the State's draft budget in early 2020. However, due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and related uncertainty around State revenues and expenses, the State paused court construction funding, and funding for this project was removed from its 2020-21 budget. Without more certainty around State funding, it is difficult to evaluate the possibility to further expedite the Tahoe Justice Center. Placer County hopes to have a clearer financial picture in the up-coming year which will allow the County to evaluate all current capital projects.

Should you have questions regarding the above responses, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Gore, Chair (District 1)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer

Rocklin Police Department Holding Facility

Final Report Pages 97-100

On January 9, 2020, the Placer County Grand Jury inspected the Rocklin Police Department holding facility located at 4080 Rocklin Road, Rocklin. The grand jury found the facility to be clean and well-managed.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: The adult and youth holding facilities were clean and well-maintained. The grand jury noted no exceptions.
- F2: Although its use has diminished in recent years due to changes in booking procedures, the facility remains an asset to community-based policing in the City of Rocklin.

Recommendations and Request for Responses

The Placer County Grand Jury makes no recommendations. Responses are not required.



Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility

Final Report Pages 101-105

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the Placer County Grand Jury inspected the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility located at 11260 B Avenue (Dewitt Center) in Auburn. The grand jury found the facility to be clean, well-maintained, and well-managed.

The detention facility staff was knowledgeable of the legal requirements of youth detention under state and Federal law. The staff is responsible for encouraging goalsetting, substance abuse prevention, rehabilitation, and reduction of recidivism. Through Placer County Office of Education (PCOE), youths in detention are encouraged to complete credits for high school diploma or prepare for the diploma equivalency exam, to increase employability, and to learn job-seeking skills.

Findings

The grand jury finds:

- F1: The youth detention facility is clean, well-maintained, and well-managed. The grand jury noted no exceptions.
- F2.: The educational opportunities at the youth detention facility continue to improve.
- F3: The facility staff are dedicated to motivating these youths and supporting their rehabilitation. This progressive approach of the staff was directly reflected in the positive attitudes of the youths interviewed.

Recommendations and Request for Responses

The Placer County Grand Jury makes no recommendations. A response is not required.