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Response Matrix to 01-02 Final Report

The following matrix for the Grand Jury activities for 2001-2002 notes the agencies that were inspected/investigated. It denotes those agencies which are headed by an elected official and which have recommendations that the agency head needs to respond to in a timely manner [90 days of receipt of Final Report for county and city administered officials and 60 days of receipt for elected officials – Penal Code Section 933 (c)].

Agency	Headed by Elected Official?	Date Response Received
Information & Technology	No	09/30/02
Treasurer & Tax Collector	Yes	07/11/02
Auditor-Controller	Yes	07/10/02
Sutter Co. Animal Control	No	09/30/02
Sutter Co. Sheriff	Yes	07/31/02
Leo Chesney Prison	No	08/16/02
Yuba City Police Dept.	No	10/23/02
Bi-County Juvenile Hall	No	09/30/02
Bridge St. School	No	10/28/02
King Ave. School	No	10/28/02
Tri-County ROP	No	10/28/02
Winship Elem. School	No	11/01/02
YCUSD – Citizen Complaint	Yes	10/28/02
Sutter Co. Airport	No	09/30/02
Yuba City Fire Dept.	No	No Response
Pleasant Grove Fire Dept.	No	09/30/02
Women, Infants, Children Program (WIC)	No	09/30/02
Casa de Esperanza	No	No Response
Public Guardian-Conservator	No	09/30/02
Foster Home Licensing	No	09/30/02
Bi-County Mental Health	No	09/30/02
Health Dept.- Social Services	No	09/30/02
Sutter Co. Public Works	No	09/30/02
Yuba City Utilities Dept.	No	10/29/02

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YUBA CITY**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RICHARD J. DOSCHER
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October 23, 2002

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**Mr. Charles W. Page Jr. – Foreperson
Sutter County Grand Jury
446 Second Street
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**JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART Deputy Clerk**

Dear Mr. Page:

I have received your correspondence of October 18th, 2002, relating to the lack of a Police Department response to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report.

I apologize for the error; however, the report was very complimentary in nature and the recommendations specifically addressed programs we had instituted and briefed the Grand Jury on their operation. They were pleased with our recruitment efforts and asked we monitor the success of the program. Additionally, they appreciated the “paperless report system,” and our Community Policing efforts. These are ongoing programs, which receive continual evaluation.

There were no problems or concerns by the 2001/2002 Grand Jury relating to the operation or service delivery by the Yuba City Police Department.

Again, my apologies for the lateness of the response.

Respectfully,



RICHARD J. DOSCHER
Chief of Police

CITY of YUBA CITY

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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Charles W. Page, Jr., Foreperson
Sutter County Grand Jury, 2002-2003
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JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART Deputy Clerk

Dear Mr. Page:

Pursuant to your letter of October 18, 2002, the City of Yuba City Utilities Department acknowledges receipt of the Grand Jury's findings and final report. All findings were true and correct. There were no Grand Jury recommendations and the Utilities Department has no comments on the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Should you have further questions, please contact me at (530) 822-4639.

Sincerely,



William P. Lewis
Utilities Director

WPL/rn

C: Jeff Foltz, City Administrator



Cornell Companies, Inc.
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JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART, Deputy Clerk

August 12, 2002

The Honorable Robert H. Damron, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Sutter
Courthouse West
446 Second Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

Dear Judge Damron:

This is provided in response to the final 2001/2002 report of the Sutter County Grand Jury. We concur with the finding of the Grand Jury. Funding for the continued operation of the Leo Chesney Center has been included in the 2002/2003 State budget. However, as of this date we understand that the State budget has not been accepted by the State Assembly nor signed into law.

Sincerely,

Susan Hickey
Facility Director

cc: Robert Nunez, Foreperson

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July 8, 2002

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To: Sutter County Grand Jury
Re: Response to 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report

JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART, Deputy Clerk

ROBERT E. STARK, CPA

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

The following comments in bold print are my response to the Grand Jury's report on the Sutter County Auditor-Controller:

Selection of Independent Auditor

To clarify the statement, "The Auditor-Controller is not involved with the awarding of the [independent audit] contract":

The Auditor-Controller has been allowed a more active role on the audit committee for the past several years so he has had some input into recommending the independent auditor. This is only as part of the committee and he is not involved in the hands-on process of awarding the contract or overseeing the audit process. All management contacts during the course of the audit are with the CAO.

Information Technology

To clarify the discussion of the organization chart:

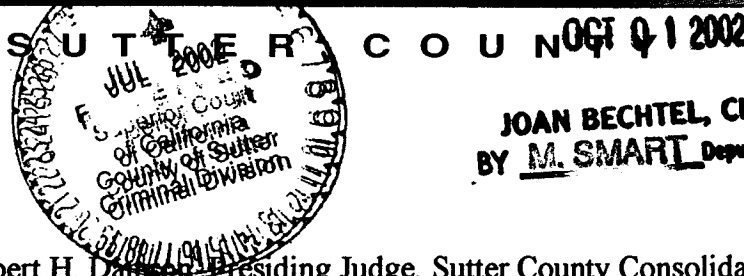
The Auditor-Controller's office is comprised of the elected Auditor-Controller and 11 employees. The organization chart reflects an indirect relationship to the Information Technology department to recognize the office's dependence on its services. This organizational relationship with centralized control of IT operations is the result of Board policy. In 2001-02, \$304,139 (31.6%) was budgeted for IT services provided to the Auditor-Controller out of a total Auditor-Controller's budget of \$961,342.

The Auditor-Controller's dependence on this arrangement with Information Technology has had a profound effect on the operation of the office over the years and in some instances has impeded the progress of the office. However, although the Auditor-Controller sees advantages to the County in having an enhanced ability for him to manage the services his office requires, the current situation with the new Information Technology manager is working well.

Robert E. Stark



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JIM DENNEY
Sheriff/Coroner
Public Administrator

BILL GROVE
Undersheriff

July 29, 2002

JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY **M. SMART** Deputy Clerk

To: Robert H. Darnell, Presiding Judge, Sutter County Consolidated Courts
From: Jim Denney, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
Subject: Response to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Final Report

The following are the responses of the Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator to the findings and recommendations of the 2001-2002 Sutter County Grand Jury Final Report.

Criminal Justice

Finding #1:

It is anticipated that current vacancies in the Patrol and the Support Services Division will be filled in a timely manner. It was noted that unfilled positions are not an isolated problem within the Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement agencies in the area have experienced similar problems.

Recommendations:

Continue to actively recruit additional Deputies and Dispatchers to fill current vacancies.

Response:

The Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator agrees with the findings and recommendations. At the direction of the Sheriff and in cooperation with the Personnel Department, an intensive recruitment has been on-going for the past ten months to fill those vacant positions. Currently, there are two openings remaining of the 13 vacancies in the Patrol Division and one unfilled vacancy in the Communications section of Support Services. These personnel are in various stages of the hiring process from initial background to pending the results of the medical examination.

Finding #2:

The boat patrol is going to be relocating one of their boats closer to the Pleasant Grove Fire Department service area. A qualified deputy lives within the area and will be available for response for rescue with the boat.

Recommendations:

Move one of the patrol boats to the site located near the Pleasant Grove Fire Department.

Response:

The Sheriff agrees with this finding and recommendation. To provide better service to the citizens of the south county the Sheriff entered into a contract with Verona Marina, the only viable option that could provide both ease of access and protection in the Pleasant Grove Service area. This contract will generally run into the winter months prior to the rainy season when safety of the vessel would demand it be removed from the Sacramento River. The vessel will again be berthed at the marina when conditions in the spring permit. The Resident Deputy has been issued a pager in order to respond to emergency call-outs.

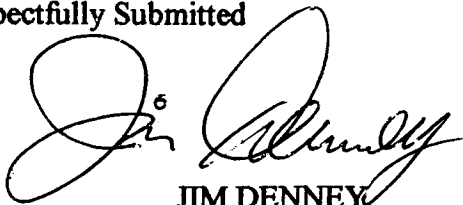
Finding #3/Recommendation:

Complete the Fire CAD system improvements as the vacancies are filled within the Department.

Response:

The Sheriff agrees with the Grand Jury recommendation and intends on making the implementation of the Fire CAD system a "top" priority for members of the Support Services Division once staffing levels have returned to full capacity in the Division.

Respectfully Submitted



JIM DENNEY

SHERIFF-CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office

John Boyd, Superintendent



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JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART Deputy Clerk

Mr. Charles W. Page, Jr.
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446 Second Street
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Dear Mr. Page:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 18, 2002, in which you indicate that neither you nor the presiding judge has received a response to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Final Report.

In past years when the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office, or a department of this office, was the subject of a review, I received notice of the review and a subsequent copy of the Final Report.

Unfortunately, I was not notified of a review of the Tri-County Regional Occupational Program by the Grand Jury, and as of this date, I have not received a copy of the Final Report. Having said that, I must somewhat sheepishly say that a brief inquiry has resulted in the location of a copy of the report within my office. Apparently, the report was addressed to "Department Head" and was delivered to Mr. Randy Page, Director, Regional Occupation Program. Mr. Page was unaware that a reply was necessary and consequently no reply has been sent in response to the report.

I have subsequently reviewed the Final Report and concur with the findings and recommendation of the Sutter County Grand Jury. On behalf of Mr. Randy Page and myself, I would also like to thank you for the kind statements contained in the report. Please consider this communication our response to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury's Final Report's Findings and Recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John Boyd
County Superintendent of Schools

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TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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JIM STEVENS

Treasurer – Tax Collector

TANYA D. MARTIN

Assistant Treasurer – Tax Collector



July 11, 2002

To: Sutter County Grand Jury

From: Jim Stevens
Sutter County Treasurer-Tax Collector

Re: Response to 2001-2002 Sutter County Grand Jury Final Report

Findings:

1) Investment Portfolio:

The respondent agrees with the findings.

2) Employee Compensation:

The respondent agrees with the findings.

Observation and Findings:

1) Operations of Staff:

The respondent disagrees partially with the findings.

A) This issue was reviewed and it has been determined that 'headsets' would interfere with the employee's mobility and would be a distraction while conducting transactions with counter customers.

B) A more desirable purchase would be a voice mail system which would allow employees to accept and direct phone calls in a more productive and efficient manner.

Recommendations:

1) Employee Compensation:

This recommendation addresses personnel matters of a department headed by an elected official. Under penal code 933.05,4,c both the Department Head and Board of Supervisors shall respond.

As recommended by the Grand Jury an honest and forthright attempt will be made by the Treasurer-Tax Collectors Office and the Sutter County Personnel Department to resolve this matter through job classification and compensation review.

2) Telephone Head Sets:

This recommendation will not be implemented as a result of a consensus, limited mobility in work stations and would be a distraction while conducting transactions with counter customers. However, further research will be made into the possible purchase of a voice mail system.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Stevens
Sutter County
Treasurer-Tax Collector

JS;tdm

Cc: Larry T. Combs, County Administrative Officer
Sang Kim, Principal Analyst

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November 1, 2002

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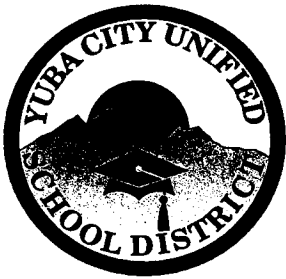
Dear Mr. Page,

Winship Elementary School was a subject of review by the 2001-2002 Sutter County Grand Jury. I have reviewed the Final Report by the 2001-2002 Grand Jury and agree with the content and their findings.

Sincerely,



Tom Reusser
Superintendent/Principal



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JOAN BECHTEL, Clerk
BY M. SMART Deputy Clerk

Re: Letter dated October 18, 2002—response to Final Report of 2001-2002 Grand Jury

Dear Mr. Page:

The Yuba City Unified School District has reviewed the Final Report of the Grand Jury for the 2001-2002 school year and its findings and recommendations.

The District agrees with the findings and recommendations contained in the report. Consequently, the District does not intend to request any amendments or changes to the report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Patrick Godwin
Superintendent