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Jackie Laswell
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Superior Court of California
County of Sutter
446 Second Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

Re: Grand Jury Summary dated June 15, 2010

Dear Grand Jury Members:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the Summary of the City Manager's meeting with the Grand Jury Members on September 18, 2009. A couple of editorial comments should be added to the report.

- (1) The City Manager noted the need for a water conservation program in Yuba City as local water consumption is 30 percent higher than Southern California cities.
- (2) As a follow up to the Plumas Street accessible parking, the City has reached agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to add four designated handicap spaces directly on Plumas Street. This resolve was reached based on the FHWA's insistence the City must use "Draft" design guidelines, dated 2006, that were never adopted as our standard for project parking design. This resolve was reached under threat of litigation by the FHWA representatives as a result of consensus reached by downtown businesses, American's with Disability advocates, and City staff. The City remains in disagreement with the FHWA on its forced use of Draft Design Guidelines on any basis and urges the FHWA to adopt and distribute guidelines to all jurisdictions that it expects us to follow.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Steven R. Jepsen City Manager

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