

SHAWS FLAT-SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY DISTRICT
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To: Honorable Eric L. DuTemple
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

Your Honor,

The following is the response of the Shaws Flat-Springfield Cemetery District to Grand Jury Report pursuant to Penal Code 933 and 933.05:

Recommendations #2 New Member Orientation:

Implemented

New member orientation is provided in an informal but timely manner to new members of the Board of Trustees.

Recommendation #3 Ralph M. Brown Act Education relative to ethics and conflict of interest issues:

Implemented

This Board complies with all direction from Tuolumne County Counsel's Office and attends all required training.

Recommendation #4 Policy & Procedure Manuals:

This recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted due to the limited scope of duties and responsibilities of this Board.

Recommendation #5 Current Boundary Maps:

Implemented

Copies of current District Boundaries are available upon request from the Tuolumne County Community Resources Department or a Board member.

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Recommendation #6 Agendas and Meetings:

This recommendation will not be implemented as described due to limited scope of the business related to this district.

Compliance will be pursuant to a recommendation included in the Municipal Service Review of 2007. A sign will be placed at the Shaws Flat Cemetery site indicating that the Board meets on an "as needed basis" and will include contact information.

Recommendation #7 Financial Reports:

The recommendation for a specific financial report to be issued at least quarterly will not be implemented due to the fact that our financial transactions are extremely limited, typically fewer than 5 per year. These include requisitions made to the Auditor's office for the payment of routine maintenance work and the deposit of moneys to the Auditor-Controller's Office resulting from the payment for the occasional purchase of a burial plot. (We have averaged only 1 burial per year over the past 11 years.) The Tuolumne County Auditor-Controller Staff provides financial services for the District. They provide us with a Monthly Budget Printout and are available to the public thru the Auditor-Controller's office. These records are available to the public from the Auditor's office or a Board Member.

In summary, this small cemetery district Board attempts to meet it's responsibilities in the most practical and cost effective manner.

Over the years, we have utilized the services of the Tuolumne County Probation Department Community Service program and the Sierra Conservation Center Community Crews for cemetery cleanup and maintenance whenever possible to decrease expenditures.

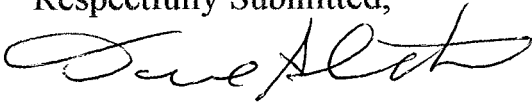
In addition we utilize the spraying services of a Pest Control Company to control weeds annually. However, the efforts by Foothill Pest Control to gain access to Springfield Cemetery have been hampered in the past years due to interference from the Columbia Airport Staff who have made access impossible with the placement of boulders at the entry. They stated that it was Airport Property and that that they were taking care of the cemetery. This matter was discussed with County Counsel, Steve Dietrich at that time. As a result, this Board has not requested any further spraying services at Springfield Cemetery.

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A flag pole (donated by a local Veterans group) was installed this Spring thanks to the generous donation of labor by recently deceased Trustee, Don Freitas & Shaws Flat resident, Henry Gerhart. The flag itself, donated by Trustee Dave Slicton, was first raised on Memorial Day, 2011 and will be flown on holidays to honor all U.S. Veterans buried in Shaws Flat Cemetery.

We have also made contact with the Tuolumne County Road Department in an attempt to get a sign installed that will mark the location of the historic Shaws Flat Cemetery and are awaiting their response. If that does not materialize, we will arrange with a private company to fill that need.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Slicton", written in a cursive style.

Dave Slicton, Trustee
Shaws Flat-Springfield Cemetery District