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The Honorable Donald Segerstrom
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne

By: Clerk

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report – Permit Technicians

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

The following is offered in response to the 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report as it pertains to the Permit Technicians.

Grand Jury Findings

- F5. The Grand Jury finds the Development Information Center is understaffed by one critical element; a third qualified Permit Technician.

Response: Disagree. At the time the Grand Jury was looking into this matter, there was a staffing shortage in both plans examination and counter support. Subsequent to the Grand Jury's review, the Board approved a new Plans Examiner position that has helped serve to fill the void in both areas. The Board also approved two "grant funded" building inspector positions - one to work on the Rush Creek development and one to work on the County's Juvenile Detention Facility. While the two inspectors have a dedicated workload, as a practical matter, they too offer a deeper pool of back-up for the counter staff when additional help is needed.

Grand Jury Recommendations

- R5.** The Grand Jury understands all County Agencies are under some form of budgetary restraint, but recommends that the Board of Supervisor allows CRA to hire a full-time Permit Technician I or II prior to the end of year 2015.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented as it is no longer warranted given the additional staffing outlined in the response to Finding #5. Further, the CRA Director and Board have agreed that the highest priority needs have shifted to that of a new Planner I and Surveyor I/II. Per Board direction, both of these positions are being included in the FY 2015-16 Final Budget which will be considered by the Board on August 18, 2015.

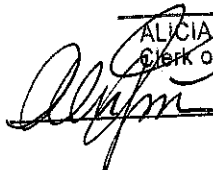
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above finding and recommendation. Please feel free to contact the County Administrator Craig Pedro should you have any questions regarding same.

Sincerely,


JOHN L. GRAY, Chair
Board of Supervisors

cc: Beverly Shane, CRA Director

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