



CITY OF FAIRFIELD

Founded 1856

Incorporated December 12, 1903

Home of
Travis Air Force Base

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September 23, 2004

Peter B. Foor,
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
in care of the Superior Court Executive Office/Clerk of the Court
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: Responses to the Annual Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Foor:

Following are the Fairfield Public Works Department's comments regarding the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report:

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS Americans with Disability Acts Compliance

V. Comments

Currently, the City of Fairfield is undertaking an ADA compliance review and transition plan for all city buildings.

SOLANO COUNTY HALL OF JUSTICE SOUTH WING FLOOD DAMAGE

IV. Findings and Recommendations

Finding No. 1 – This finding is not clear because it does not define or describe the "very significant improvements in flood control" that have been made. The only improvement that the Fairfield Public Works Department is aware of is the pumping system that Solano County added to protect the Hall of Justice. That pumping system flows the storm drainage water into the Clay Street ditch. During the storm event of December 2002, the Clay Street ditch did not overflow, but the Solano County pumping system lost power because the co-generation system was overtaxed and dropped the electrical load of the pumping station.

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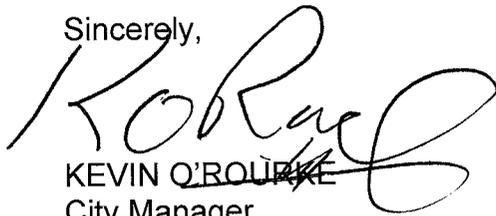
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Recommendation No. 1 – The only component of the storm drainage system that the Fairfield Public Works Department maintains is the Clay Street ditch and, depending upon the magnitude of the storm water event, may not be adequate to carry the volume of water. The storm drainage pumping system is the responsibility of Solano County and the County should make sure that it is continually operating during a storm water event, instead of having the co-generation plant shut down the pumps due to overloading.

Recommendation No. 1a – The Fairfield Public Works Department will not implement a written agreement with Solano County because it is not warranted. The Fairfield Public Works Department understands what its maintenance responsibilities are and so does Solano County.

If you need any additional information, please contact Charlie Beck, Director of Public Works, at 428-7493.

Sincerely,



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City Manager