



September 3, 2014

Honorable E. Bradley Nelson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

SUBJECT: 2103-2014 Grand Jury Report Entitled: Geographic Information System (GIS)

Dear Honorable Presiding Judge Nelson:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the governing body of any public agency subject to the Grand Jury's review authority must respond to recommendations and findings pertaining to matters under their control. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to comply with the aforementioned law and to advise you that after review of the 2013-2014 Solano County Grand Jury Report, the Council of the City of Benicia accepts the Report.

Finding 2

Some upper levels of public agency management are not actively supporting and participating in the implementation of ReGIS.

Recommendation 2

Upper levels of public agency management actively support and participate in the implementation of ReGIS.

City's Response to Finding 2

The respondent disagrees partially with the finding. Benicia upper management is regularly briefed on the activities and discussions of the Regis Committee. The City of Benicia supported the ReGIS committee by approving and signing the Pictometry agreement.

Finding 3

Management attendance at ReGIS meetings has been poor.

Recommendation 3

Management attends and encourages attendance by representatives from their agency at ReGIS meetings.

City's Response to Finding 3

The respondent agrees with the finding. Benicia was without an Information Technology Manager in 2013. In March of 2014, a new Information Technology Manager was hired. This recommendation has been implemented with our new Information Technology Manager, Naveed Ashraf attending ReGIS meetings.

Finding 4

Representation of agencies at ReGIS meetings has been mostly by non-management employees who have limited or no commitment authority.

Recommendation 4

In the absence of management attendance, management appointment and authorize an employee to commit and support ReGIS activities.

City's Response to Finding 4

The respondent agrees with the finding, but has additional comment. Information Technology Analyst, Sandra Ayala, has been attending ReGIS meetings since 2008. Although she does not have commitment authority, the necessary information has been given to City of Benicia upper management for approval. The recommendation has been implemented with the ReGIS meeting attendance of Information Technology Manager, Naveed Ashraf.

This response was drafted by City staff and approved by the City Council at their meeting on September 2, 2014. If you have any further questions, please contact Information Technology Analyst, Sandra Ayala at 707-746-4258 or sayala@ci.benicia.ca.us.

Respectfully submitted,



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City of Vacaville (findings 2, 3, 4)
City of Suisun City (findings 2, 3, 4)
City of Rio Vista (findings 2, 3, 4)
Solano Transportation Authority (findings 2, 3, 4)
Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District (findings 2, 3, 4)
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District (findings 2, 3, 4)
Solano Irrigation District (findings 2, 3, 4)
Solano County Water Agency (findings 2, 3, 4)

City of Fairfield (findings 2, 3, 4)
City of Benicia (findings 2, 3, 4)
City of Dixon (findings 2, 3, 4)

RE: 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report Entitled: **Geographic Information System (GIS)**

Enclosed please find a copy of the above named report by the 2013-2014 Solano County Grand Jury. This report is provided to you **in advance of public release** as provided for in Penal Code §933.05(f). Please note that Penal Code §933.05(f) specifically prohibits any disclosure of the contents of this report by a public agency, its departments, officers or governing body prior to its release to the public, which will occur on **Friday, June 13, 2014**.

You are required to respond in writing to the Presiding Judge and to provide an electronic copy to the Grand Jury regarding the Findings and Recommendations contained in the report pursuant to Penal Code §933.05. This section of the Penal Code is very specific as to the format of the responses. The Penal Code is also specific about the deadline for responses. You are required to submit your response to the Grand Jury by **Thursday, September 11, 2014**.

Also, please provide an electronic copy, original form (not pdf) to the Grand Jury office at cdclower@solano.courts.ca.gov

Responses are public records. Should you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Clower, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Jury at (707)435-2575.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Morland McManigal'.

Morland McManigal, Foreman
2013-2014 Solano County Grand Jury
MM/cc