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August 26, 2015

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

RE: City of Dixon Response to 2014-2015 Grand Jury Report:
"Fire Protection Communication Consolidation"

Dear Judge Nelson:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Dixon and with its prior approval, I hereby submit to you the response of the City Council to the findings and recommendations contained in the above noted report of the 2014-2015 Solano County Grand Jury as set forth below:

Finding 2

City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts in the County have begun to collaborate in acquiring equipment in compliance with Federal mandates.

Recommendation 2

City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts implement a "shared consolidation" for the purpose of obtaining equipment, hardware, and software.

Response to Finding 2 and Recommendation 2:

The City of Dixon concurs with the recommendation. In 1991 the City of Dixon realized the value of being part of a consolidated 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP or Dispatch) and ceased operating its own independent dispatch center. Since that time, the City of Dixon has contracted with Solano County for Police and Fire Dispatch services.

The City of Dixon Fire Department has been very successful with acquiring federally funded grant funds to acquire hardware for firefighters to use in the field. Most recently, the City of Dixon Fire Department was awarded \$180,000 as part of a regional FEMA grant to acquire dual

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band radios. Every firefighter now has the ability to transmit and receive on both VHF and 800 MHZ frequencies on the same handheld radio.

With regard to software, the City of Dixon Fire Department is consulted on matters regarding Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software as a partner and user in a consolidated dispatch center. However, the City of Dixon Fire Department has no direct control over software purchases. Solano County Sheriff's Office is the operator of the PSAP and has the final purchasing authority.

Finding 3

Fire communications consolidation will improve public safety.

Recommendation 3

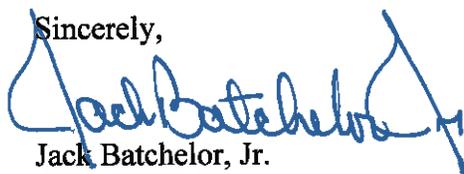
Implement fire communications consolidation to enhance public safety.

Response to Finding 3 and Recommendation 3:

The City of Dixon concurs with the recommendation. The City of Dixon is already part of a consolidated communications center and has been since 1991. The City of Dixon supports efforts to increase both public safety and firefighter safety that are economically feasible.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this response on behalf of the City of Dixon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Batchelor, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
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