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August 19, 2014

Mr. Morland McManigal
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2013-14 Solano County Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
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Re: City of Fairfield Response to 2013-14 Grand Jury Report "Geographic Information System (GIS)"

Dear Mr. McManigal:

In response to the Grand Jury Report dated June 11, 2014, we have the following responses:

Finding 2

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

Response:

The City of Fairfield disagrees with the finding.

The upper levels of City of Fairfield management have supported and participated in the implementation of ReGIS from the beginning of the program. City management has supported the sharing of data with ReGIS. The City Council recently approved a cooperative agreement to provide funding for county-wide aerial imagery services. Further, City management has encouraged staff participation in ReGIS activities. The Chief Information Officer has delegated authority to Shashi Ganjam, Senior IT Analyst, and Jasmin Acuna, GIS Analyst, to support ReGIS activities, to participate in meetings and workshops, and to commit funds to ReGIS activities as appropriate under City policy.

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Recommendation 2

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

Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response to Finding 2, above.

Finding 3

Management attendance ReGIS meetings has been poor.

Response:

The City of Fairfield disagrees with this finding.

The City of Fairfield believes that it has sent appropriate City staff to participate in the ReGIS meetings. These City representatives, Shashi Ganjam, Senior IT Analyst, and Jasmin Acuna, GIS Analyst, both management employees, regularly attend ReGIS meetings.

Recommendation 3

Management attend and encourage attendance by representatives from their agency at ReGIS meetings.

Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response to Finding 3.

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Finding 4

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

Response:

The City of Fairfield disagrees with this finding.

The Chief Information Officer has delegated authority to Shashi Ganjam, Senior IT Analyst, and Jasmin Acuna, GIS Analyst, both management employees, to support ReGIS activities, to participate in meetings, workshops, and to commit funds to ReGIS activities as appropriate under City policy.

Recommendation 4

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

Response:

This recommendation has already been implemented as noted by the response to Finding 4 above.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



DAVID A. WHITE
City Manager

Enclosure:

- Grand Jury Letter dated June 11, 2014