



CITY OF RIO VISTA

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August 10, 2015

Ms. Cheryl Clower
Administrative Assistant to the Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
600 Union Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

RE: Grand Jury Inquiry for Fire Protection Communication Consolidation

Dear Ms. Clower:

The City of Rio Vista is responding to the request for data and information regarding possible Fire Protection Communication Consolidation:

The following responses are to the findings as requested in the letter from the Grand Jury dated June 24, 2015:

Finding 1 – Studies done over the past thirty years have recommended consolidation of fire agency resources. **Recommendation 1 – Solano County Board of Supervisors take the lead to create a formal leadership group to implement a plan to consolidate fire agency resources.** Although the City was not initially incorporated into this recommendation it is felt that it could affect the City of Rio Vista's Fire Department and therefore we wish to comment on it.

The City of Rio Vista supports the concept of consolidation of fire resources providing that there is a lead authority appointed, an inclusive workgroup of representative fire agencies formed and that appropriate and sustainable funding sources / savings are identified and allocated to further the concept.

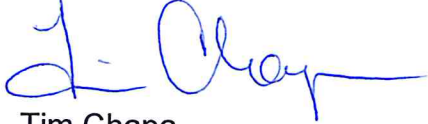
Finding 2 – City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts in the County have begun to collaborate in acquiring equipment in compliance with Federal mandates. **Recommendation 2 – City Fire Departments and Independent Fire Districts implement a "shared consolidation" for the purpose of obtaining equipment, hardware and software.** The City of Rio Vista supports the concept of "shared consolidation" (sometimes referred to as "functional consolidation") for the acquisition of equipment, hardware and software providing that there is a lead authority appointed, an inclusive workgroup of representative fire agencies formed and that appropriate and sustainable funding sources / savings are identified and allocated to further the concept.

Finding 3 – Fire communications consolidation will improve public safety. **Recommendation 3 – Implement fire communications consolidate to enhance public safety.** The City of Rio Vista supports the concept of a consolidation of fire communications centers and operations providing that there is a lead authority

appointed, an inclusive workgroup of representative fire agencies formed and that appropriate and sustainable funding sources / savings are identified and allocated to further the concept.

Should you have any questions regarding these responses, please contact me at (707) 374 -6451, or via email at tchapa@ci.rio-vista.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Chapa", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Chapa
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