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**COUNTY OF LAKE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jonathan Armas, Animal Care and Control Director
DATE: Oct. 1, 2019
SUBJECT: Grand Jury Response “It’s Raining Cats and Dogs” and “Lake County Animals”

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

“It’s Raining Cats and Dogs” Findings

Finding #1: There are only two public animal shelters in Lake County, and they are usually filled to capacity, if not over-crowded.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding. Explanation: There are two public animal shelters in Lake County. We are often times filled to capacity but Lake County Animal Care and Control works diligently to never be over-crowded.

Finding #2: The shelters need additional veterinarians to provide sterilization services at affordable prices.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #3: The “community cat” and pitbull surgery programs provided at the County Shelter were helpful in sterilizing these two difficult groups.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #5: Both in-county and regional non-profit animal welfare groups and individuals raise and donate substantial funds and work diligently to augment the number of Lake County pets that can be sterilized.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #7: The shelter “advisory committees” can be a useful tool in attracting community members to help reduce the number of unwanted pets by getting involved with the shelter and volunteering during spay-neuter events.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation: The “advisory committee’s” main purpose is to provide advice to Animal Control on ideas and strategies conceived for their overall mission and goals.
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

“It’s Raining Cats and Dogs” Recommendations:

Recommendation #1: If the cost of a full-time veterinarian exceeds the County and Clearlake budgets, the two shelters should consider sharing a veterinarian to provide spay-neuter surgeries, for the public as well as for the shelter animals.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: Lake County Animal Care and Control has hired a full-time veterinarian for its facility.

Recommendation #2: The two shelters should consider contacting UC-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine’s Shelter Medicine Program to explore whether a senior Resident of Fellow would be able to be assigned to Lake County for specific periods of time under the auspices of one of the two current part-time veterinarians.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: Lake County Animal Care and Control has hired a full-time veterinarian for its facility.

Recommendation #6: The County shelter’s animals would benefit from a more robust Facebook presence, with photos of dogs outside of their cages interacting with staff, along with appeals to adopt.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within: 3 Months
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:

Recommendation #7: To the extent that the two shelter's advisory committees have become disengaged, animal control staff should encourage participation and regular meetings.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation:

“Lake County Animals” Findings:

Finding #1: In the event of a widespread disaster, Lake County does not have a sufficient number of shelters to house rescued animals. The two public facilities – in Lakeport and Clearlake – are usually filled to capacity and therefore incapable of accommodating an influx of evacuated animals needing food, care, and, in some cases, medical attention.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation: Lake County Animal Control and LEAP have MOU's with the SPCA for overflow animals and strategies in place with rescues to move shelter population and allow more accommodation for displaced animals. No animal ever forgoes proper medical care.

Finding #2: The SPCA, Middletown Animal Hospital, and some stables and ranches in the County offer their facilities to board overflow animals.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation: An MOU with SPCA allows Animal Control and LEAP to house animals under their care. Middletown Animal Hospital opens to board animals.

Finding #3: LEAP needs – and is actively soliciting – disaster volunteers who are willing to undergo the necessary training, which is available through LEAP annually and NVADG in Chico three times a year, plus the FEMA online ICS and NIMS courses. Additional intensive training involving horses, for first responders as well as volunteers, is available through Horse and Livestock Team Emergency Response (HALTER) in Glen Ellen and Sonoma Action For Equine Rescue (SAFER) in Sebastopol.

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #4: There are too few telephone lines to support the LEAP office staff during an emergency.

AGREE with finding.

DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation: Our telephone systems and handle a high number of calls. When a call is answered it continues rolling in new calls. The main limiting factor is number of people available to answer the 18 telephones and use 14 computers.

DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #5: LEAP does not own a medical RV or trailer where injured animals can be treated in the field.

AGREE with finding.

DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:

DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

Finding #6: In addition to the expected wildfires, LEAP and animal owners, especially of livestock, need to anticipate the effects on water availability of prolonged PG&E preemptive power outages, anticipated to last 5-10 days, during Red Flag Warnings and other critical weather periods.

AGREE with finding.

DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:

DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation: PG&E Public Safety Power Shutdowns are planned events. LEAP will not be activated during these times. Animal owners should prepare to care for their own animals during these times.

Finding #7: Some LEAP volunteers are licensed ham radio operators, but they are not utilized during emergencies. LEAP has recently purchased new handheld radios, all enabled to use the receivers utilized by LCACC during normal operations. These radios are believed to be functional in nearly 90% of their expected working area.

AGREE with finding.

DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:

DISAGREE partially with finding Explanation:

“Lake County Animals” Recommendations:

Recommendation #1: LEAP should consider creating a separate Facebook page and encourage residents to sign up to offer facilities for temporary placement during evacuations. The information necessarily includes physical location, type and number of animals that could be accommodated, and ability to transport, as well as contact information. If the list is made public, owners may be able to make private arrangements so as to free up LEAP resources during emergencies.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: The community can create such a page for help. LEAP and Animal Control has MOU's and strategies in place for displaced animals. LEAP and Animal Control should not be facilitating in private transactions.

Recommendation #2: LEAP should develop an expanded presence on Facebook – both on its own page and on a number of other relevant sites (such as Lake County Community Awareness, e.g.) – in order to attract volunteers who care about animals and who want to give back to their community.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation:

Recommendation #3: The County should ensure that the LEAP office has adequate telephone lines and personnel to respond immediately to distressed callers during emergencies.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: LEAP and Animal Control has enough telephone lines and overall people answering phones to respond to callers. During incidents LEAP and Animal Control may receive an extremely high number of calls in a short time span where it will be impossible to answer every call immediately and as they come in.

Recommendation #4: The County should encourage all LCACC employees to undergo the FEMA online training so as to be able to fill in during emergencies.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
 - AGREE, will be implemented within:
 - NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- Recommendation #5 LEAP should consider distributing its brochure to all feed and pet stores and veterinary clinics in the County, as well as participating in the local community college “career day” events, again with the goal of attracting additional volunteers.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within: 6 months
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation:

Recommendation #6: LEAP should explore sources of grant funding to purchase a mobile veterinary clinic for use in emergencies, such as PetSmart Charities, the PETCO Foundation, and Petfinder Foundation, as well as the ASPCApro, to name but a few.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: We do not do field medical care. We evacuate, shelter in place, and utilize local/shelter veterinarians. Providing field medical care is overall too dangerous.

Recommendation #7: LEAP should seek to be included in any Sheriff's Office, Fire Protection Districts, and CalFire discussion and plans regarding the projected PG&E "elective" power outages during weather alerts and then help the public appreciate the consequences thereof so that they can plan realistically for their animals during these several-day shut-downs.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation:

Recommendation #8: LEAP should consider how best to integrate even a few ham radio operators to supplement field-to-base communications during widespread evacuations. The Lake County Amateur Radio Society (LCARS) is a rich source of hams ready and able to assist.

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within:
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within:
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: LEAP and Animal Control follow ICS/CalFire protocol who both do not utilize ham radios.



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Honorable Andrew Blum
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Subject: 2018-19 Grand Jury Report, "Lake County's Fire Protection Districts"

The 2018-19 Grand Jury has required that my office respond to its report, "Lake County's Fire Protection Districts," and this response is therefore rendered, pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05. I sincerely appreciate and value the Grand Jury's time and attention in investigating this and other matters.

As you may be aware, the County Assessor's office is charged with placing the values on the tax roll, but we do not place or calculate the direct charges (e.g., College district fees, fire district fees, school bond fees, etc.).

The Auditor-Controller's office both calculates and controls which parcels receive the charges, so my authority, as Assessor-Recorder, to respond to the Grand Jury's recommendation is bounded by the scope of my office.

"Lake County's Fire Protection Districts"

R2. Proposal of flat-rate parcel taxes would be less confusing to voters than the current "units of benefit" calculation.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: It is not within the powers of the Assessor's office to determine the calculation by which fire fees are charged.

R8. "The Lake County Assessor/Recorder and Treasurer/Tax Collector should work closely with the Lake Pillsbury FPD to determine the total number of taxable properties, with a view toward actively assisting the District with a new parcel-tax measure.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: It is beyond the scope of my office to actively assist the District in formulating a new parcel tax measure. However, a list of all taxable properties can be requested through the Information Technology department based on Taxable Rate Area (TRA). Further, my office will provide an appropriate response to any information requests made by the District that are within our area of authority.

Thank you, Judge Blum, and members of the Grand Jury, for your consideration of this response.

Sincerely,

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Promoting an Optimal State of Wellness in Lake County

MEMORANDIUM

Date: August 30, 2019
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Denise Pomeroy, Health Services Director
RE: Grand Jury, Delivering a Difference – Meals on Wheels

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: R3; Environmental Health Inspections are not being executed according to the required schedule. Violations of CHSC are being missed.

DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed).
Explanation: All facilities have been routinely inspected. Two facilities were late due to the Mendocino Complex Fire and the additional workload required by Environmental Health during the fire and the long debris clean up process.

Only a Licensed Registered Environmental Health Specialist can determine if CHSC violations are being missed. The Grand Jury are not licensed to make these determinations.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R3

AGREE, has been implemented. All facilities were inspected between May and July of 2019 before the grand jury report was released. The second inspection of the year for each of the facilities have been scheduled.



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MEMORANDIUM

Date: August 30, 2019
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Denise Pomeroy, Health Services Director
RE: Grand Jury, Serving Those Who Served

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

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Finding #: F-1: Lake County Veterans are often required to travel long distances for basic medical appointments.

DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed).
Explanation: Veterans are often required that we disagree with. There is a Veterans Clinic in Clearlake and one in Ukiah that veterans can access for basic medical care once they have been awarded a disability. Direct medical care is not a function of the County Veterans Services Office. The office is to assist veterans accessing benefits they are entitled to and filing claims on their behalf. The County Veterans Office has no control or authority on where VA Claims Department sends veterans for evaluations or medical care.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-1: The CVSO should promote the idea of frequent visits by a Mobile clinic to reduce Veteran travel for basic medical services. (F-1)

AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): The CVSO will continue to promote for local services including the possibility of a mobile van. As stated above the County Veterans Services Office has no authority or control over where or how evaluations and medical care is provided. There are two local clinics for veterans to obtain basic medical care once they have been awarded a disability.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-2: The CVSO does not have enough funds to provide promotional items such as hats and cups.

AGREE with finding.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-2: The CVSQ should seek a grant to provide promotional materials and advertising to Lake County Veterans. (F-2)

AGREE, has been implemented. The VSO continues to look for funding that will support outreach efforts, and allow for outreach and educations materials.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-3: The CVSO is closed on Fridays per County direction. The public is not aware that they may still make appointments for Fridays.

DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation: The CVSO is closed on Fridays per County direction. While the CVSO is closed to walk in's on Fridays, the staff answer the phone and appointments are made available for veterans with an emergency or a prescheduled appointment with staff. There is a notice posted on the door of the building.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-3: The CVSO should remain open on Fridays. (F-3)

DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: While the CVSO is closed to walk in's on Fridays, the staff answer the phone and appointments are made available for veterans with an emergency or a prescheduled appointment can be made. Friday's are used for staff members to catch up on case management, follow up with veterans that have open cases, claims or appeals. The VSO does a Friday morning radio show for veterans and uses additional available time on Fridays to work with incarcerated veterans at the jail and plan, organize or do additional outreach. There is a notice posted on the door to the building and on their after hour's message. The CVSO will update their website page regarding hours of operation.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-4: Some Lake County Veterans do not know of the CVSO and so are not seeking their deserved Veteran benefits.

DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation: Disagree All branches of the military has Transition Assisting Program Service (TAPS) for all military personnel being discharged from all branches. This is a full orientation to the benefits they may be entitled to and locations of the CVSO's. Military personnel being discharged are not only oriented in this program they must sign acknowledging they understand and have received the information.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-4: The CVSO should spend more time doing outreach to our local communities and organizations. (F-4)

AGREE, has been implemented. The CVSO staff already does a large amount of outreach to the community. The CVSO office has three personnel which is the same amount of personnel that the office had thirty years ago. The VSO does a weekly radio show on Friday's for veterans. Staff are at the clinic in Clearlake multiple days a week. The VSO works with the treatment court system and incarnated veterans to assist with providing services. In addition CVSO staff participate in the following county activities. Department quarterly newsletter, articles in our local newspapers,

Information on the County Website, Social Media Pages, Plan and attend the Annual Veterans Day Services, Participate in Hero's for Health, National Stand down and the Lake County Fair, and any other opportunities that arise throughout the year.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-5: Some calls to the CVSO received less than stellar reviews for their responses.

DISAGREE with finding. There are phone calls from veterans that are received by staff where staff has no ability or authority to assist the caller with the topic or questions being asked. Some of those topics and questions relate to medical advice, divorce or child custody advice, legal advice, etc. The staff provides resource information to callers on where they can receive assistance but sometimes the perception of the caller is that the staff should be able to help them resolve all of their problems. The reality is that it is not within the staff's ability, authority or licensure to assist on such topics.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-5: The CVSO should ensure that all calls are answered promptly and with correct information. (F-5)

DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: It is not within staff's ability, authority or licensure to assist with topics outside of helping veterans obtain benefits that they may be entitled to. The VSO will continue to ensure that calls are answered promptly and professionally.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-8: The Wall of Honor in the Courthouse Lobby is not being updated and organized.

AGREE with finding.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: 8: The CVSO should ensure that the Wall of Honor is updated and organized. (F-8)

DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: It is not within the CVSO current authority or responsibility to maintain the wall of honor located in the lobby of the court house.

The wall was implemented years ago and has been maintained by volunteer and non-profit organizations including but not limited to the following; Mothers and family of military serving during war time, The United Veterans Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Tango Mike.

For each relevant Grand Jury Finding (Findings cited in Recommendations):

Finding #: F-9: The CVSO information provided on the County's web site does not reflect the hours of service correctly

AGREE with finding.

For each Recommendation (per PC 933.05 and Grand Jury recommendation):

Recommendation #: R-9: The CVSO should ensure that their web site information is correct. (F-9)

AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): An Information Technology ticket has been submitted to the county IT department for the information to be updated.



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Honorable Andrew Blum
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To the Honorable Judge Andrew W. Blum,

I am writing this letter in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05 as a response to the July 19th, 2019 final report from the Lake County Civil Grand Jury. I want to thank the Court for its role in facilitating this process, and to express my gratitude and appreciation for the Grand Jurors who dedicated many hours to provide this important service to our community. I welcome the opportunity to have oversight and feedback regarding the Sheriff's Office operations. My dedicated staff and I constantly strive to improve the professional services provided by this agency to the people of Lake County.

I had multiple interactions with members of the Grand Jury during the previous year, to include a formal interview with multiple members, exchanges of numerous emails, and various interactions with members of the Grand Jury during public events. The commitment of this Grand Jury was evident in their efforts to investigate and report on governmental activities. I appreciate their efforts, and commend their service.

In response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report, the Lake County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits the following responses:

INSPECTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY DETENTION AND HOLDING FACILITIES 2019

Finding #: F-1 The Lake County Adult Detention Facility is under-staffed resulting in mandatory overtime, causing employee "burnout" and low morale and that could raise safety concerns for both staff and inmates.

AGREE with finding.

PUBLIC SAFETY- THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Finding # F-1: Public safety is a State of California Constitutional mandate.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-2: The combined average vacancy rate among the Sheriff's deputies, correctional officers, and dispatchers is currently 36%.

DISAGREE wholly with finding.

Explanation: As expected with attrition and recruitment efforts, the vacancy rate is nearly always fluid. The current vacancy rate among these classifications is just under 16% (18 of these classified positions remain vacant out of 114 currently allocated). This change is due to several factors, to include the most recently submitted annual budget in which the elimination of 21 positions (11 Deputy Sheriff, 8 Correctional Officer, 2 Public Safety Dispatchers) occurred. Had these positions not been eliminated, the vacancy rate would be just under 29% (39 vacant positions out of 135 allocated).

Finding # F-3: Inadequate numbers of patrol officers place the safety of Lake County residents and visitors--and the officers themselves--at-risk.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-4: The Sheriff's Office has been losing employees in large part due to the County's non-competitive salary and health insurance costs.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-5: In December, 2018, the Board of Supervisors increased its maximum monthly contribution for insurance coverage for deputies in the Union from \$800 to \$1,000. [The Board is able to negotiate with the DSA separately.]

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-6: The Sheriff has requested restructuring of ranks within management in Dispatch and the Jail, which was approved "in theory" by the Board of Supervisor, but was not funded.

DISAGREE partially with finding

Explanation: The Board approved some classification change requests that resulted in management changes at both the jail and dispatch center. The original request for the creation of a previously established "Chief Deputy" classification was the request that was approved "in concept" pending the completion of the currently in-progress Classification and Compensation study. The results of that study have not yet been finalized and are likely to bear great influence on this request.

Finding # F-7: Short-staffing in the Jail and Patrol divisions results in substantial overtime costs that can impact the General Fund when grant funds are inapplicable.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-8: The lack of available patrol officers leads to community insecurity and decreased trust of the reliability of the Sheriff's Office by the residents they are entrusted to protect.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-9: Communities in Lake County that feel unsafe believe that they need to mobilize citizen patrols. Although the actions of these groups are not monitored by the Sheriff's Office, fallout from any resulting injurious events may well result in lawsuits against the County, as well as against the involved community members.

DISAGREE partially with finding

Explanation: While it is true that anyone can file a lawsuit for virtually any reason, this finding tends to lead the reader to believe that the County may have some liability for the actions of citizen patrols. The Sheriff's Office takes adequate steps to ensure that the County does not incur liability by maintaining separation from these groups, not delegating them any authority, and not directing their actions. This finding appears to be a legal opinion that may not be based on actual legal principles or foundations.

Finding # F-10: In May, 2019, the BOS agreed to an 80/20 split for deputies' healthcare costs through its commendable approval of the MOU with the DSA, effective through the end of this year. The terms of the agreement immediately produced the desired effect, in that one deputy decided not to leave and another deputy decided to return.

AGREE with finding.

Finding # F-11: The Sheriff currently has no arson investigator.

AGREE with finding.

Recommendation # R-6: The Sheriff must continue to educate the Citizen's Patrols that are sprouting up in underserved communities about what they can and cannot legally do.

AGREE, has been implemented and will continue. The Sheriff's Office works with numerous community groups, including several neighborhood watch organizations. It's important to note that neighborhood watch organizations are not an arm or branch of law enforcement. They are comprised of people who share a mutual concern for the safety of their neighborhood and want to be proactive in ensuring quality of life. In Lake County, several neighborhood watch groups have started a practice of actively patrolling their neighborhoods with volunteers. During presentations by the Sheriff's Office at meetings, we are very careful to not provide any legal advice. They are informed that they assume any liability for their actions, and that they are not authorized by the Sheriff to do

anything more than any other citizen would be authorized to do. We request that they notify our dispatch center of their activities if they do patrol.

Many of these groups came into existence during our staffing difficulties. With an increase in the number of deputy sheriffs on the street, I would expect to see a cessation in the activities of Neighborhood Watch groups. This does not mean that the service they provide is unnecessary, it just follows a pattern of highs and lows in activity levels with these types of organizations that often correlate to the amount of peace officers providing service in a community, as well as the individual interest by members of the respective groups.

While our recruitment efforts have been trending positively, recruitment of deputy sheriffs, and law enforcement in general, continues to be problematic throughout the nation. We are still understaffed and will need additional personnel to provide services beyond the minimally required services currently being provided.

At the time of the writing of this response to the Grand Jury report, we are experiencing some success in our recruitment efforts as a result of numerous factors to include:

- The County's newly agreed on Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake County Deputy Sheriff's Association which provided for an 80/20% split for health care.
- An increase in proactive recruiting efforts by our staff in the community and at academies
- The institution of hiring incentives for select job classifications
- The institution of a recruitment incentive
- The expansion of our Deputy Sheriff Trainee eligibility requirements to allow members of the general public to apply.
- Systemic and procedural changes that have been made within the County Human Resources Department by the newly hired Human Resources Director and her dedicated administrative and support staff have drastically reduced the amount of time it takes for a candidate to navigate the hiring process. In years past, applicants would languish on an eligibility list for months before departments had the opportunity to interview them. During this time, the most qualified and desirable candidates would frequently get hired elsewhere. The processes and practices implemented by the current Human Resources team have had a tremendous positive impact in our hiring process, and we've been able to hire.

These combined changes have resulted in the Sheriff's Office's hiring of the following full time staff in calendar year 2019:

- 3 Correctional Aides
- 8 Correctional Officers
- 1 Public Safety Dispatcher
- 1 Law Enforcement Records Technician
- 5 Deputy Sheriffs

It should be noted that all 5 Deputy Sheriffs were hired *after* the implementation of the 80/20 insurance split.

I would also like to thank the Grand Jury for its kind words in acknowledging this Office's staff "for their professionalism in the face of continuing fiscal hardships, as well as the BOS for their recognition of the problems and support for the MOU." This recognition goes a long way to ensure that the civil servants in these positions feel appreciated for the hard, and sometimes thankless work they do.

In closing, I again want to restate my appreciation for the hard work and countless dedicated hours provided by members of this Grand Jury. The oversight, guidance, and inquiry that they provide serves as a compass for leaders in public service to use to steer their organizations in a way that best delivers the services our citizenry expects and deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian L. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian L. Martin
Sheriff-Coroner
Emergency Services Director
County of Lake



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lake County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Lars Ewing, Public Services Director
DATE: August 21, 2019
SUBJECT: 2018-19 Grand Jury Final Report

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Lars Ewing", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

The Public Services Department offers the following in response to the 2018-2019 Lake County Civil Grand Jury Report, "Serving Those Who Served - An Overview of Lake County California Veteran's Services".

As your Board is aware, the Public Services Department initiates facilities projects to maintain County of Lake infrastructure, and also undertakes projects at the request of County departments and your Board for increased operational efficiency. While the department has general responsibility to support routine facilities requests, it is not part of our customary scope to make decisions regarding the operational signage, office space and/or office layout that will best serve the program needs of other departments. Therefore, the comments provided herein are limited to describing Public Services' role in supporting any response to the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations.

The Public Services Department, described by the Grand Jury as, "Lake County Facilities Department," was specifically invited to respond to the following:

- F4. Some Lake County Veterans do not know of the [County Veterans Services Office, CVSO] and so are not seeking their deserved Veteran benefits.
- R7. County facilities should install improved signage for the CVSO building.

Determining the most appropriate County response to these two items would appear to be outside of the area of responsibility and even authority of the Public Services Department. Operational signage for County facilities is initiated by the department occupying said facility. The County's Health Services Department has administrative responsibility for the CVSO; should Health Services determine improved signage is a matter of priority, the Public Services Department is ready and willing to assist by installing the signs they have fabricated.

Additionally, I am aware there is a facilities component to Finding 6, although the Grand Jury provided no specific Recommendation to remedy this finding:

- F6. The CVSO office lacks privacy for personal interviews.

Public Services will again defer to Health Services' assessment regarding the raised operational concern of lack of privacy for personal interviews at the VSO. If either reconfiguration of office space or a remodel of the facility, or both, are found necessary and consistent with Health Services' and your Board's priorities, Public Services can assist with planning a project to create more privacy.

I hope these remarks provide helpful context for the public and your Board's formal Grand Jury response.



Navigating the Foster Care System

Finding #: 1

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation:

Finding #: 2

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation:

Finding #: 3

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation:

Finding #: 4

- AGREE with finding.
- DISAGREE wholly with finding. Explanation:
- DISAGREE partially with finding (response shall specify the portion of the finding disputed). Explanation:

Recommendation #: 1

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): _____
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within _____ (timeframe not to exceed six months from July 19, 2019)
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: _____

Explanation: Per recommendation #1, CWS is exploring the possibility of radio announcements and newspaper advertisements as forms of recruitment for Resource Homes.

Recommendation #: 2

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): _____
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within _____ (timeframe not to exceed six months from July 19, 2019)
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: _____

Explanation: Per recommendation #2, CWS is exploring an option for contracting with Children's Legacy Center out of Shasta County to help Lake County establish 5 Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) homes, using the Mockingbird Model. These homes serve children and youth who have complex needs that require more support than standard foster care. In these homes, there will be an individual treatment plan for each child/youth, in a home like setting. In this model, one family serves as the "Hub" family. The "Hub" family would be a staff member whose full time job it would be to provide support, training, respite etc. to the other 4 homes.

Recommendation #: 3

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): _____
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within _____ (timeframe not to exceed six months from July 19, 2019)
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: _____

Explanation: Per recommendation #3, CWS has reached out to the Youth Services Coordinator to discuss how we can work collaboratively with the Foster Youth Services Program's Executive Council to address the issues related to overall needs of foster youth. Further discussions and planning for collaboration will be implemented by October 31, 2019.

Recommendation #: 4

- AGREE, has been implemented.
- AGREE, will be implemented within (*no timeframe in PC 933.05*): _____
- NEUTRAL, requires further analysis to be completed within _____ (timeframe not to exceed six months from July 19, 2019)
- DISAGREE, will not be implemented. Explanation: _____

Explanation: Per recommendation #4, CWS will be requesting to add 3 Social Services Aides to our budget in 20-21 to assist in the increasing need to transport foster youth to mandatory visits and appointments. The request for additional staff will be made in April 2020.



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Honorable Andrew S. Blum
Presiding Judge
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Subject: 2018-19 Grand Jury Report, “Lake County’s Fire Protection Districts”

As you are aware, the 2018-19 Grand Jury required my office respond to its report, “Lake County’s Fire Protection Districts.” This response is submitted, pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05. I am grateful for the efforts of the Grand Jury to encourage effective local governance.

The Recommendations made by the Grand Jury do not entirely fall within the authority of my office; as you may be aware, the Auditor-Controller’s office calculates and controls which parcels receive the charges. Nonetheless, I appreciate the opportunity to respond, and will do so within the legal boundaries of my authority.

“Lake County’s Fire Protection Districts”

R2. Proposal of flat-rate parcel taxes would be less confusing to voters than the current “units of benefit” calculation.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: The Treasurer-Tax Collector’s office does not determine how fire fees are charged. Our Fire Protection Districts are independent entities, with their own governing boards and staff. My office will appropriately respond to requests for information from our Fire Protection Districts.

R8. “The Lake County Assessor/Recorder and Treasurer/Tax Collector should work closely with the Lake Pillsbury FPD to determine the total number of taxable properties, with a view toward actively assisting the District with a new parcel-tax measure.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: Again, my office will appropriately respond to any requests for information, should a Fire Protection District determine to prepare a new parcel tax measure for the consideration of their constituents. If any of our Fire Protection Districts have interest, the County’s Information Technology department can derive lists of taxable properties by Tax Rate Area (TRA).

Thank you, Honorable Judge Blum, and members of the Grand Jury, for considering of this response.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Ringen
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RE: Response to the 2018/2019 Grand Jury Special Report on Lampson Field Airport

Dear Judge Blum:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933, the Board of Supervisors submits this response to the FY 2018/2019 Civil Grand Jury's Special Report, "How Can We Safely Land?"

As is our custom, our Board's response is presented in the same sequence as the recommendations appear in the Special Report. We have provided a response to all items for which the report indicated a response was required by the Board of Supervisors.

A detailed response from County Director of Public Works, Scott De Leon, which addresses each Finding and Recommendation put forth in the Special Report, is likewise attached. Our Board finds Director De Leon's assessment of each matter posed to be appropriate, and we applaud DPW for using the right planning instruments at the right times, as discussed in their departmental response.

Our Board, further, recognizes the significant investment made by Director De Leon and Department of Public Works staff to provide a timely and professional response, despite the sensational nature of some of the content.

OVERALL COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT

The Lake County Board of Supervisors appreciates the important oversight function that the Civil Grand Jury has historically played in the State of California, and the great need for the public to be able to trust that their elected and appointed officials are dutifully and effectively executing the responsibilities of our offices. Further, we value the commitment made by each member of the FY 2018/2019 Civil Grand Jury to execute their important civic role in a manner consistent with State Law.

In our response to the 2017/2018 Civil Grand Jury's Final Report, we expressed disappointment with a seeming trend toward sensational report titles, which were disconnected from and inappropriate to the subject matter they represented. Unfortunately, that trend continues here. "How Can We Safely Land?" could prompt the public to question whether use of Lampson Field carries inordinate risk.

The Grand Jury's investigation and Special Report documented no safety concerns, and this title therefore demonstrates a lack of regard for the distorted public perception that may follow from such language. Grand Jury members provide an important public service, and the statutory intent is to provide oversight toward improvement of the government's capacity to serve the citizenry. Therefore, our Board must reiterate that sensational and inaccurate titles fall short of serving the public interest.

The County of Lake's Department of Public Works (DPW) appropriately maintains and continually seeks to improve Lampson Field, to support its maximal possible utility for County residents and visitors, alike. Valuable upgrades are anticipated in the coming months. Given the import of our airport to all Lake County residents, with roles ranging from facilitating lifesaving care for some of our most vulnerable individuals to promoting tourism, we all have an interest in promoting accurate public perception.

Our Board encourages the public to fully review Director De Leon's remarks.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's Special Report:

R2. Seat the ALUC commission for Lampson Field prior to June 15th of 2019 in order to apply for funds and grants prior to December 31, 2019.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: Our Board concurs with the Public Works Director that there is no significant hindrance to acquisition of grant funds presented by failing to reestablish the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) prior to June 15. We will support the ALUC reconvening as compelling needs arise.

R3. Lampson Field's Master Plan should be updated and current under Public Utility Codes prior to December 31, 2019.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: Our Board concurs with the Public Works Director that an update to Lampson Field's Master Plan is neither statutorily required nor otherwise necessary at this time.

R4. Lampson Field's compatibility study regarding noise and safety, should be updated prior to December 31, 2019.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: Our Board concurs with the Public Works Director that an update is neither statutorily required nor necessary at this time.

R5. Lampson Field should be in compliance with statutory requirements within the ALUC prior to December 31, 2019.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: Our Board finds that Lampson Field is already in compliance with statutory requirements. Therefore, no action is required.

R6. The county Board of Supervisors should work more closely with management staff of the Public Works Department to promote the much-needed repairs and upgrades of Lampson Field.

DISAGREE, will not be implemented.

Explanation: As mentioned above and discussed by the Public Works Director in his response, our Board and DPW have long collaborated to ensure repairs and upgrades to Lampson Field Airport are made, in consideration of available resources.

This concludes the Board of Supervisors' response to the 2018/2019 Civil Grand Jury Special Report.

Sincerely,

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Tina Scott
Chair of the Board


cc: 2017-2018 Civil Grand Jury Foreperson
2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury Foreperson



Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Andrew S. Blum
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

FROM: Scott De Leon, Director 

SUBJECT: Grand Jury Report Response

DATE: May 16, 2019

The 2018-19 Grand Jury performed a review of the Lampson Field Airport, and their investigation resulted in a number of Findings and Recommendations, reported in "How Can We Safely Land?" The following is my response to this report.

Before responding to the Grand Jury's specific Findings and Recommendations, I have a need to address some portions of the "Discussion and Analysis" section of the report, which may have prompted undue public concern.

The statements, "*The Grand Jury found a number of compliance concerns...*" and, "*The goal of compliance is to ensure a clear path to obtain grants from the FAA to secure funding for the sustainability of Lampson Field*" suggest that Lampson Field is out of compliance, and therefore not eligible for grant funds. This is not the case.

Staff regularly applies for funds through the FAA and the State, and recently applied for over two million dollars in grant funds from a special program through the FAA. There will be further discussion of compliance later in this response.

The second statement that warrants correction is the emphasized, "*More than 3 billion dollars in general aviation airport funding is currently available.*" We heard this statement from members of the Grand Jury during our tour of the airport, and requested they provide the source of their claim. They did not provide a definitive response, and their report likewise does not include a relevant citation. Absent such documentation, we are unable to directly address this claim, though it is not fully consistent with our staff's research. I've provided additional remarks under Finding #7.

The following is a discussion on the Findings were listed in the Report:

Finding #F1: *The Lake County Public Works Department has recently begun much needed improvements and upgrades to Lampson Field.*

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

As explained to the Grand Jury (GJ), the Department of Public Works (DPW) has begun steps toward a pavement preservation project that will extend the life of the runway pavement and taxiway through application of a specially-formulated sealant called, "slurry-seal." This project is estimated to cost \$700,000, and is currently being advertised for bids. Our plans are to construct the project in late summer or early fall. We are also working with a landowner at the airport toward development of a pilot's lounge in a currently vacant building.

Finding #F2: *Airport Management has experienced resistance from the County in its efforts to upgrade the facility, therefore, progress has been slow in forthcoming.*

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

There is no discussion in the report regarding this finding, so it is unclear what information was used to support it. Staff recalls general discussion with the GJ regarding State Redevelopment Funds, and the decisions made to pursue other projects in lieu of investments in the airport. However, those decisions were made over a decade ago, and do not reflect a current lack of support from "the County." In fact, the Board of Supervisors has authorized General Fund contributions to the Lampson Field Operations Budget Unit for the past several years to offset the difference in available revenue and operating expenses. The pace of improvements at the airport results from a lack of revenue and reliance on grant funds, not resistance from the Board or County Administration.

Finding #F3: *The Lampson Field Airport Master Plan was last updated in 1993. Master Plans, without amendments, are in effect for a maximum of 20 years (Public Utilities Code sec. 21675 (a)). **Lampson Field's updated Master Plan is now six years overdue (Emphasis in the Report).***

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

This finding is disappointing, in that it makes a highly inflammatory statement that reflects poorly on the management of the airport, and the Code section cited in support is unrelated to the conclusions in the finding. I have attached Public Utilities Code Section 21675, and two particular facts are worth highlighting:

- 1) Code Section 21675 does not regard Master Plans, but instead refers to the requirement that each commission (Airport Land Use Commission) formulate an airport

- land use compatibility plan that is based on a long-range master plan, and considers anticipated growth of the airport over the next 20 years; and
- 2) No maximum timeframe is provided in this Code Section.

This finding misinterprets the Code, and the emphatic declaration that the Master Plan is overdue is therefore both sensational and inappropriate. Per DPW consultant Mead and Hunt, Master Plans are commonly prepared only when an airport is contemplating a major change in the facility. Examples of this would include a major runway extension to accommodate larger aircraft or introduction of scheduled passenger service. Current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy is to provide grant funds for airport master plan updates only when significant changes are contemplated. DPW's customary practice is to periodically update the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) without updating the master plan. This is consistent with industry norms. Lampson Field has a current ALP that satisfies FAA and State requirements, and it was last updated in 2015, to reflect changes in FAA design standards.

Finding #F4: *Lampson Field's compatibility study, regarding noise and safety, was last updated in 1993. **This study must be completed and filed with the ALUC once every five years.***

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

This finding is perplexing, in that it has no discussion or references to support it. Using the words in the finding, staff is unclear what is meant by "Lampson Field's compatibility study." According to our records, the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, which is prepared by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), was last updated in 2007, and included discussion of noise and safety.

According to the State Aeronautics Act, Section 21675 (a), "The airport land use compatibility plan shall be reviewed as often as necessary in order to accomplish its purposes, but shall not be amended more than once in any calendar year." Staff could not locate any references to a "compatibility study," nor could we locate any reference that requires such a study be submitted to the ALUC every five years. Therefore, I disagree with the finding, and the highlighted declaration that we are five years overdue on a report.

Finding #F5: *Lampson Field, as required by the State Aeronautics Act section 21001 et.seq. does not have an active ALUC commission so is currently out of compliance with state law.*

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

While it's true that the California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et. seq., (Section 21001 through 21709), also known as the State Aeronautics Act, requires an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), there are no statutory requirements that it be active, and considering the

limited development activity on and around the Lampson Field Airport, it is not surprising that the commission has not been meeting. I disagree with the finding, and particularly the erroneous claim that we are out of compliance with state law.

Finding #F6: *The California Public Utilities Code Section 21670 (b) reads in part: "Every county, in which there is located an airport, shall establish an airport land use commission. Each commission shall consist of seven members to be selected as follows:"*

- 1) *Two members representing the cities in the county, appointed by a city selection committee comprised of the mayors of the cities within that county.*
- 2) *Two members representing the county, appointed by the county board of supervisors.*
- 3) *Two members having expertise in aviation, appointed by a selection committee comprised of the managers of all the public airports within that county.*
- 4) *One member representing the public, appointed by the other members of the ALUC commission.*

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

Finding #F7: *Funds and grants are available for upgrades and repairs of the Lampson Field Airport but must be applied for prior to December 31 of each year. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), and the Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE), all have the ability to help with grant funding. ALUC and AOPA are the support vehicles to obtain these funds.*

AGREE

DISAGREE WITH EXPLANATION

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and the Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) are both funding programs available through the FAA. The County of Lake obtains \$150,000 in discretionary funding through the AIP program on an annual basis. The program allows the accumulation of up to four (4) years of allocations, to facilitate construction of larger improvement projects, which the County has done in order to prepare for our pavement preservation project this summer. The NPE program is also funded through the FAA, and only available when Congress appropriates \$3.2 billion dollars or more for that program in a specific fiscal year. If this is the "\$3 billion dollars" referenced in the opening discussion section of the report, there may be an opportunity to pursue an additional grant. Staff is working with our consultant to determine if the NPE program has been funded, and it should be noted that NPE grants are highly competitive, and recipients secure a fraction of the total allocation.

As background, the powers and duties of the ALUC are as follows:

- a) To assist local agencies in ensuring compatible land uses in the vicinity of all new airports and in the vicinity of existing airports to the extent that the land in the vicinity of those airports is not already devoted to incompatible uses.

- b) To coordinate planning at the state, regional and local levels so as to provide for the orderly development of air transportation, while at the same time protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.
- c) To prepare and adopt an airport land use compatibility plan pursuant to Section 21675.
- d) To review the plans, regulations, and other actions of local agencies and airport operators pursuant to Section 21676.
- e) The powers of the commission shall in no way be construed to give the commission jurisdiction over the operation of any airport.
- f) In order to carry out its responsibilities, the commission may adopt rules and regulations consistent with this article.

It is unclear how the GJ determined that the ALUC is a “vehicle to obtain grant funds” for the airport. Additionally, there was no discussion of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) in the report, so it is also unclear how they are vehicles to obtain grant funds.

The following is a discussion of the Recommendations listed in the Report:

Recommendation #2: *Seat the ALUC commission for Lampson Field prior to June 15th of 2019 in order to apply for funds and grants prior to December 31, 2019. (F4, F5, F6, F7)*

- HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION
- HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE
- WITH TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
- REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS WITH EXPLANATION
- WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION

The Board of Supervisors recently voted to reestablish the Airport Land Use Commission, and staff is in the process of completing selection of the final designees. This commission can be in place prior to June 15. However, DPW can apply for grant funds, regardless of whether this occurs.

Recommendation #3: *Lampson Field’s Master Plan should be updated and current under Public Utility Codes prior to December 31, 2019. (F3)*

- HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION
- HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE
- WITH TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
- REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS WITH EXPLANATION
- WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION

As previously discussed, updating the Master Plan is not statutorily required, nor is it necessary, due to the limited growth and development of the airport and surrounding properties. Performing this unnecessary update could cost upwards of \$350,000. If a significant change to the airport is contemplated at a future date, we will consider an update. In the meantime, we will continue routine updates to the Airport Layout Plan, as required.

Recommendation #4: *Lampson Field's compatibility study regarding noise and safety, should be updated prior to December 31, 2019. (F4)*

- HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION
- HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE
- WITH TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
- REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS WITH EXPLANATION
- WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION

It is presumed the report that the GJ is referring to is the Lampson Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. As previously discussed, an update is not statutorily required, nor is it necessary.

Recommendation #5: *Lampson Field should be in compliance with statutory requirements within the ALUC prior to December 31, 2019. (F4, F5, F6, F7)*

- HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION
- HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE
- WITH TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
- REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS WITH EXPLANATION
- WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION

Lampson Field is already in compliance with statutory requirements, and no further action is planned.

Recommendation #6: *The county Board of Supervisors should work more closely with the management staff of the Public Works Department to promote the much-needed repairs and upgrades of Lampson Field. (F1, F5, F6)*

- HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION
- HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE
- WITH TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
- REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS WITH EXPLANATION
- WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITH EXPLANATION

As previously discussed, the Board of Supervisors has been working closely with DPW on the development of the airport by providing funding to support operations and improvements. As we prepare budgets for next fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors will yet again be authorizing a General Fund contribution.

Finally, previous Grand Jury reports have been scrutinized for the titles of the various investigations, and the title of this discussion is highly misleading and inappropriate. "HOW CAN WE SAFELY LAND?" implies that Lampson Field is unsafe, yet there is no discussion of safety issues. The Grand Jury made a considerable effort to review the airport, and I appreciate their earnest effort. However, I wish their final report had focused more on facts,

proper context and the challenges of trying to operate an airport with limited funding. Instead, the reader is distracted by grand and factually incorrect declarations that imply the facility is unsafe and mismanaged.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to this report, and sincerely hope these responses provide valuable context and clarification. Lampson Field is of great import to Lake County residents and visitors, alike, and my staff and I are highly invested in ensuring its proper functioning.

California Public Utilities Code Section 21675

CA Pub Util Code § 21675 (2017)

- (a) Each commission shall formulate an airport land use compatibility plan that will provide for the orderly growth of each public airport and the area surrounding the airport within the jurisdiction of the commission, and will safeguard the general welfare of the inhabitants within the vicinity of the airport and the public in general. The commission's airport land use compatibility plan shall include and shall be based on a long-range master plan or an airport layout plan, as determined by the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation, that reflects the anticipated growth of the airport during at least the next 20 years. In formulating an airport land use compatibility plan, the commission may develop height restrictions on buildings, specify use of land, and determine building standards, including soundproofing adjacent to airports, within the airport influence area. The airport land use compatibility plan shall be reviewed as often as necessary in order to accomplish its purposes, but shall not be amended more than once in any calendar year.
- (b) The commission shall include, within its airport land use compatibility plan formulated pursuant to subdivision (a), the area within the jurisdiction of the commission surrounding any military airport for all of the purposes specified in subdivision (a). The airport land use compatibility plan shall be consistent with the safety and noise standards in the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone prepared for that military airport. This subdivision does not give the commission any jurisdiction or authority over the territory or operations of any military airport.
- (c) The airport influence area shall be established by the commission after hearing and consultation with the involved agencies.
- (d) The commission shall submit to the Division of Aeronautics of the department one copy of the airport land use compatibility plan and each amendment to the plan.
- (e) If an airport land use compatibility plan does not include the matters required to be included pursuant to this article, the Division of Aeronautics of the department shall notify the commission responsible for the plan.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 615, Sec. 4, Effective January 1, 2005.)