



# AMADOR COUNTY Grand Jury

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February 20, 2013

Honorable Mayor Dan Epperson  
City of Ione  
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Dear Mayor Epperson,

The 2012-2013 Amador County Grand Jury has reviewed your response to the 2011-2012 Grand Jury report. For the most part, we accept your responses. We agree with your responses regarding the City's General Plan and the analyses the City does to update the Plan when necessary. In some of the City's responses, you committed to change or action. We are following up on those commitments. We have a few questions for you based on your responses.

- ➔ 1. How have you improved the following: (page 2, paragraph 2)
  - a. tracking of various contracts,
  - b. reconciling past accounting irregularities,
  - c. consultant work performance and payment process, and
  - d. tracking of Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) transfers?
 Please provide copies of policy and/or procedural changes.

- 2. Were the positions of City Manager and Financial Director separated? What is the job description and the minimum qualifications for the City Manager position? What is the job description and the minimum qualifications of the Finance Director? Please provide copies of job descriptions. (Recommendation #2)

- ➔ 3. What are the credentials and education of the newly hired City Manager? (Finding #1)

- ➔ 4. Was any action taken to determine if former City Manager, Ms. Kerr, was acting illegally? Has the City pursued legal action against Ms. Kerr? If yes, what action was taken? If not, why not? (Finding #1 Response)

- ➔ 5. Can you explain some of the financial irregularities that have occurred? Did the City hire a certified public accountant (CPA)? Has the reconciliation of the past financial irregularities been completed? If not, why not? (Finding #3)

Follow-up: City of Ione

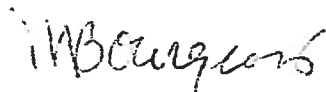
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6. What is the implementation status, the timeline of the compliance plan, and the lower cost solution to meet the requirements of the Cease and Desist order in the short term? (page 5, paragraph 3)
7. The City of Ione currently has 15 City Council and City's upper management staff as members of the League of California Cities. What are the costs per year for all 15 members? Is it possible to reduce the number of members so that certain staff can attend specific League of California Cities training? For example, can the Finance Director and City Treasurer attend the Municipal Financial Institute event? (Recommendation #3)

Please send your responses to the following address by March 15th:

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The Amador County Grand Jury thanks you for the positive steps you have taken in the management of your city. We look forward to your responses.



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Amador County Grand Jury