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To: Board of Supervisors

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Subject: Agenda Item #14-1001/Grand Jury report GJ-13-20

At next week's Board of Supervisors meeting, Agenda Item #14-1001 is an item under Department Matters. It relates to the final Grand Jury report and, in particular, report number GJ-13-20: The El Dorado County Charter – A Prescription for Dysfunction.

Pursuant to Board Policy A-11, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) is responsible for coordinating the County's response to the Grand Jury; however, the Board of Supervisors remains the official respondent. Accordingly, it is the Board that approves the final response prior to transmittal to the Superior Court.

Standard practice is for the CAO to request responses from appropriate department heads. In the case of GJ-13-20, the appropriate authority is the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, the CAO will be recommending the Board decide how best to respond to report GJ-13-20: The El Dorado County Charter – A Prescription for Dysfunction.

The CAO intends to provide a number of options and is prepared to provide a presentation of the process if requested. Options include, but are not limited to; assigning a Board member (or two) to draft a response or referring it to the Charter Review Committee for suggested responses.

A draft response to the complete Grand Jury report will be brought back to the Board for review on August 12, 2014. A final report is expected back no later than September 16, 2014.

In drafting the Board's response to the Grand Jury Report, the following is format required by California Penal Code Section 933.05 as shown below:

As to each **finding** please indicate one of the following responses:

(1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

(2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

As to each **recommendation**, please report one of the following responses:

- (1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.
- (2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.
- (3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.
- (4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

Please feel free to contact Ross Branch at <u>ross.branch@edcgov.us</u> or extension 5106 with any questions.

Attachments: GJ-13-20: County Charter – A Prescription for Dysfunction