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COUNTY OF SUTTER
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Christopher R. Chandler,
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Sutter
446 Second Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

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Re: 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SUTTER
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Judge Chandler:

Thank you for taking the time to examine Yuba City's Police and Water/Wastewater operations. The following is in response to the Grand Jury findings.

Police Operations

The existing facility expansion is only to accommodate the current needs of the Department. We are working on plans for future expansion of the facility, which include the possibility of acquiring land from the LDS Church. This expansion could be done more quickly and economically than the construction of a new facility at an alternative site.

The Grand Jury's observations regarding the need for additional staffing are noted. Unfortunately, the City has had trouble recruiting for the Dispatcher Positions and is constrained in hiring Records area due to budget limitations.

It is highly recommended that future Grand Jury assessments consider metrics in their reviews and recommendations for possible funding involving new taxes. Any recommendations for new taxes must be considered in relationship to community priorities for all services. The highest priority for public safety in Yuba City has been previously identified as the repair of the levees. The community has a limited ability to absorb new taxes regardless of the source. Any consideration for new taxes must be considered in this context.

The Grand Jury is correct—the Master Tax Agreement is the limiting factor in the assumption of City Police services to the rest of the City. The City could take over just the annexed areas; however, this would not provide for efficient City Police/County Sheriff services. The property tax exchange is not currently sufficient to pay for the increased level of service provided by the City. It was assumed that the takeover of these areas would commence when future development provided a threshold large enough to merit conversion of services.

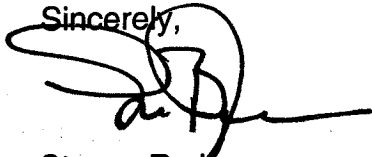
Sewer System Assessment

Regional sewer may be the answer to sewer challenges in the Sutter County area. It would likely be the most cost effective solution to longer term operational cost. However, the capital cost to buy into the Yuba City Wastewater Plant has yet to be assessed. The buy in cost to the existing plant and the cost to extend waste lines from remote areas need to be compared to the cost of stand alone local systems. Yuba City is supportive of expeditiously completing these cost studies.

The future ability to serve the residents of Sutter County with Wastewater Services is dependent upon the permitted capacity in the Yuba City Treatment Plant and the need/cost for additional treatment to meet discharge requirements. This issue was not addressed by the Grand Jury report.

Once again, thank you for your findings and recommendations. It is very useful to have an independent group look at these issues and make recommendations for their independent assessments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jepsen', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Steven R. Jepsen
City Manager