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Honorable Bruce A. Clark, Presiding Judge Superior Court of California, County of Ventura Ventura County Hall of Justice 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, California 93009

VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY

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Dear Judge Clark:

In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, the Auditor-Controller's Office provides the following response to the Ventura County 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report, entitled *Public Records Act Implementation:*

Findings F-01 through F-12: We concur with the Grand Jury's findings.

<u>Findings F-13 through F-27:</u> Not applicable to this response. The findings pertain to districts and cities.

<u>Findings F-28 through F-47:</u> Noted. Although the findings pertain to County offices, we do not have information, nor are we in a position to concur or disagree with the Grand Jury's findings.

Recommendation R-03: "The Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Officer should schedule Public Records Act compliance as a periodic audit topic."

Response: We will consider the Public Records Act as a potential audit subject in the future. However, given other audit priorities and our extremely limited audit resources, we do not anticipate scheduling an audit on this subject in the near future.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to this Grand Jury Report. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (805) 654-3151.

Sincerely,

CHRISITINE L. COHEN Auditor-Controller

cc: Grand Jury