

September 16, 2011

Honorable Vincent J. O'Neill II
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Superior Court of California, Ventura County
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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VENTURA COUNTY
GRAND JURY

Subject: Board of Supervisors' Consolidated Response to 2010-11 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge O'Neill:

In accordance with State requirements, the consolidated response from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to the 2010-11 Final Grand Jury report is hereby submitted. The Board approved the response on September 13, 2011.

Should you have any questions, please call Matt Carroll at 654-2864 or Kathleen Van Norman at 654-2566.

Respectfully submitted,



 Michael Powers
County Executive Officer

Enclosure – Board of Supervisors' Consolidated Response to the 2010-11 Grand Jury Final Report

copies: County Clerk, Mark A. Lunn
Superior Court Jury Services (3 copies as listed)

- For Jury Services, Peggy Yost, Manager
- For transmittal to State Archives
- For transmittal to Grand Jury

BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,
KATHY I. LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN ZARAGOZA
September 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE – Approval of Responses to the 2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports: “Bullying in the Workplace,” “Inmate Processing and Suicide Prevention in the Ventura County Jail,” “Emergency Communications Interoperability,” “Election Process,” and “Under-Enrollment in Proposition 36”

- (X) All board members are present.
- (X) The following person is heard by the Board: Matt Carroll.
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor Foy, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves the attached reports and includes an appreciation to the Grand Jury for their service in terms of presenting their reports to us and complements them for the new and higher standards that they follow.

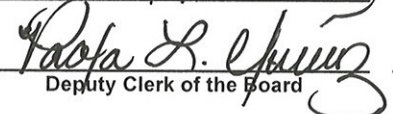
By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument
is a true and correct copy of the document
which is on file in this office.

MICHAEL POWERS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Ventura, State of California.

Dated: 9.14.11

By: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
MICHAEL POWERS
County Executive Officer

September 13, 2011

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Subject: Approval of Responses to Five (5) 2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury Reports: "Bullying in the Workplace," "Inmate Processing and Suicide Prevention in the Ventura County Jail," "Emergency Communications Interoperability," "Election Process," and "Under-Enrollment in Proposition 36"

Recommendation:

That your Board approves responses to the five subject Grand Jury reports pertaining to County government under your authority for submittal to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in accordance with State statute.

Discussion:

Penal Code §933.05 requires that your Board comment on the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury pertaining to county government under your authority. The 2010-2011 Ventura County Grand Jury issued 11 individual reports, seven of which pertain to County government.

Responses from the Board of Supervisors were required on four of the seven reports pertaining to County government and were prepared on your behalf by the County Executive Office. Responses from appointed officials were also required for three of the seven reports. These responses have been coordinated through our office and are submitted for your approval.

For your reference, the report titles and respondents listed in the Grand Jury Report are summarized in the table below. The underlined respondents require Board approval.

Board of Supervisors
 Responses to Four 2010-2011 Grand Jury Reports
 September 13, 2011
 Page 2 of 3

<p>Special Property Tax Assessments</p> <p>Responses from the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector are for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p>Auditor-Controller Treasurer-Tax Collector</p>
<p>Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Rangers</p> <p>The RSRPD is an independent entity. Response from the Sheriff is for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p>Sheriff</p>
<p>Bullying in the Workplace</p> <p>Response from the Auditor-Controller is for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p><u>Board of Supervisors</u> Auditor-Controller *<u>Director-Human Resources Division (CEO)</u> (*Response was requested, not required)</p>
<p>Inmate Processing and Suicide Prevention in Ventura County Jail</p> <p>Responses from the Sheriff and the District Attorney are for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p>Sheriff District Attorney <u>Health Care Agency</u></p>
<p>Emergency Communications Interoperability</p> <p>Responses from the Sheriff and the Ventura County Emergency Planning Council are for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p><u>Board of Supervisors</u> Sheriff *<u>Ventura County Emergency Planning Council</u> (*Response was requested, not required)</p>
<p>Election Process</p> <p>Response from the Registrar of Voters (County Clerk and Recorder) is for information only. Approval is not required.</p>	<p>Registrar of Voters <u>Board of Supervisors</u></p>
<p>Under-Enrollment in Proposition 36</p>	<p><u>Board of Supervisors</u> *<u>Behavioral Health (Health Care Agency)</u> (*Response was requested, not required) *<u>Probation</u> (*Response was requested, not required)</p>

The responses that pertain to County government under your control will serve as your Board's response to the subject 2010-2011 Grand Jury Reports to be filed as indicated in the above-recommended action along with any additional comments your Board may wish to make.

If your Board does elect to amend responses submitted from agencies headed by appointed officials or if your Board elects to change a response prepared on your behalf by the County Executive's office, then CEO staff, at your direction, will make such changes or additions prior to submitting the responses to the Presiding Judge.

As you are aware, elected officials submit their Grand Jury responses directly to the Presiding Judge. Although your approval is not required for responses from elected officials, copies of responses from the following elected officials are included here for your information: from the Auditor-Controller and the Treasurer Tax Collector to the report "Special Property Tax Assessments;" from the Sheriff to the report, "Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Rangers;" from the Auditor-Controller to the report, "Bullying in the Workplace;" from the Sheriff and District Attorney to the report, "Inmate Processing and Suicide Prevention in the Ventura County Jail;" from the Sheriff to the report, "Emergency Communications Interoperability," and from the Registrar of Voters to the report, "Election Process."

This letter has been reviewed by County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller and County Counsel. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Matt Carroll at 654-2864 or Kathleen Van Norman at 654-2566.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL POWERS
County Executive Officer

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Response to "Special Property Tax Assessments"
- Exhibit 2 – Response to "Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Rangers"
- Exhibit 3 – Response to "Bullying in the Workplace"
- Exhibit 4 – Response to "Inmate Processing and Suicide Prevention in the VC Jail"
- Exhibit 5 – Response to "Emergency Communications Interoperability"
- Exhibit 6 - Response to "Election Process"
- Exhibit 7 - Response to "Under-Enrollment in Proposition 36"

EXHIBIT 5

FY 2010-2011 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

RESPONSES TO FINDINGS (FI) AND RECOMMENDATIONS (R)

Report Number (& Date)	Report Title	Respondents (with FI and R #)
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REPORT NO. 05. (June 2, 2011)

Title: Emergency Communications Interoperability

Required Respondents: Board of Supervisors (FI-03 thru FI-08) and (R-01 thru R-03)
Ventura County Sheriff (FI-03 thru FI-08) and (R-01 thru R-03)

Requested Respondent: Ventura County Emergency Planning Council
(FI-03 thru FI-08) and (R-01 thru R-03)

Response to 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report (DRAFT)

Report Title: Final Report – Emergency Communications Interoperability

Report Date: June 2, 2011 Responding Agency/Dept. Board of Supervisors

Response by: Frank Chow on Behalf of the BoS Title: CEO Program Analyst

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-03 through FI-08
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: None

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01 have been implemented. Through actions such as funding the recently implemented upgrade of the County's public safety radio telecommunications system which has greatly expanded first responder radio coverage area and safety, along with executive leadership and membership in the EPC, the Board of Supervisors has shown support and direction for improving the County's emergency communications interoperability. The Board will continue to be actively engaged in supporting the EPC, OES, and all local agencies in this effort.
- Recommendations numbered R-02 & R-03 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The EPC/ETC, OES, and the County's purchasing department have already received proposals from consultants to assist the County in completing the Gap Analysis. It is anticipated that the Gap Analysis will be completed by December 31, 2011. The EPC/ETC will continue to discuss and provide ongoing interoperability training for first responders when possible.
- Recommendations numbered (none) require further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered (none) will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

Date: _____ Signed: Linda Parks

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Response to 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Final Report - Emergency Communications Interoperability

Report Date: June 2, 2011 Responding Agency/Dept: Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

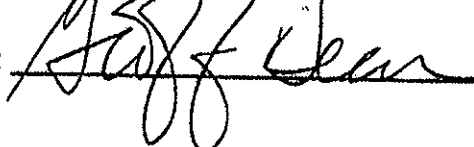
Response by: Laura D. Hernandez Title: Assistant Director, Emergency Services

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-03 through FI-08
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: NONE

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-01 have been implemented. *Through the representation on the EPC/ETC, all local agencies are meeting regularly to discuss and improve interoperability between agencies. Planning is in process to review and update the SEMS Communications Plan, which is one of the foundation documents of the County's Interoperability Project. OES is supporting IT Services in their efforts to obtain additional interoperability resources through grants and surplus equipment screening.*
- Recommendations numbered R-02 & R-03 are in the implementation process. *Four vendors have submitted proposals to complete the Gap Analysis. Their submissions are being reviewed, and we anticipate completion of the Analysis no later than December 31, 2011. The ETC will continue to make the provision of information and material pertaining to the interoperability tools available a priority, and will encourage the use of interoperability resources for routine and emergency events (ongoing).*
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Date: 7-21-2011 Signed: 

Number of pages attached: _____



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- GEOFF DEAN
Sheriff
- GARY PENTIS
Assistant Sheriff
- JOHN CROMBACH
Assistant Sheriff

800 SOUTH VICTORIA AVENUE, VENTURA, CA 93009 PHONE (805) 654-2380 FAX (805) 645-1391

July 21, 2011

The Honorable Vincent O'Neill, Jr.
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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800 S. Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

Please see response below to the Sheriff's portion of the report entitled, "Final Report – Emergency Communications Interoperability".

Report Date: June 2, 2011

Responding Agency/Dept: Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

Response by: Laura D. Hernandez Title: Assistant Director, Emergency Services

FINDINGS

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GEOFF DEAN
Sheriff

Cc: Foreman, Ventura County Grand Jury
Frank Chow, CEO Analyst

Response to 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report (DRAFT)

Report Title: Final Report – Emergency Communications Interoperability

Report Date: June 2, 2011

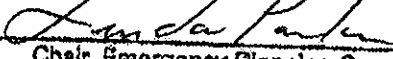
Emergency Planning Council

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-03 through FI-08
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: None

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Date: _____ Signed: 
Chair, Emergency Planning Council

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