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**Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne**
By: Diana Neely Clerk

July 3, 2019

The Honorable Kate Powell-Segerstrom
Judge of the Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

VIA: Hand Delivery

Re: 2018-2019 Grand Jury Report on TCEDA/EPCTC Oversight

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

As required by California Penal Code section 933.05, and as directed in the Request for Responses, submitted to you are the following responses to the findings and recommendations received from the Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury regarding the above-referenced Civil Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS

F1. Effective economic development is crucial to Tuolumne County, which lags behind the state in economic health.

F10. There are multiple instances of lack of control and oversight by the TCEDA/EPCTC Board over the agencies.

F11. The County and City acknowledged the failure of the agency by dissolving it in 2019, even before the financial and managerial audits were complete.

F12. The TCEDA Board is responsible for countless hours spent by County Counsel and TECEDA's employee in responding to lawsuits and public records requests, and in three investigations by grand juries, because of its lack of transparency and its mismanagement.

Response: The City disagrees partially with these findings. The City provides this qualified response as it is unaware of the scope of documentation or information the Civil Grand Jury considered in reaching these findings. The City does agree there needs to be effective economic development and there should have been more control and oversight by the TCEDA/EPCTC Boards.

RECOMMENDATION

R1. Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora maintain continuous investment in economic development going forward (F1).

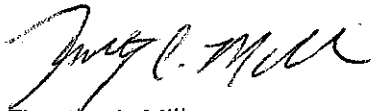
Response: The City has already implemented this recommendation. With authorization from the City Council, Chabin Concepts, Inc was hired to develop a findings report, based on stakeholder input, from which the City Council can develop an economic development action plan.

R5. The CAO and the City Administrator educate their respective elected officials and managers on "Code of Conduct" and "Code of Ethics" expectations as public servants, by providing ethics training on an annual basis, to ensure that they understand that their primary missions are to serve the public of Tuolumne County (F10, F11, F12).

Response: The City Council currently receives ethics training biennially. Prior to the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2020, the City will implement an annual training schedule for the City Council and include Department Directors and Managers.

You may contact me directly if there are any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Timothy A. Miller
City Administrator