



COUNTY OF LAKE

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August 25, 2017

Honorable Judge Andrew S. Blum
Lake County Superior Court
255 North Forbes Street, 4th floor
Lakeport, CA 95453

RE: 2016/17 Grand Jury Response – Treasurer Tax Collector

Dear Judge Blum,

The Treasurer-Tax Collector appreciates the considerable time and dedication that is required to serve as grand jurors.

Name of report: Has anybody seen a Tax Lien Sale recently?

Findings #: F 1. Since the County has not exercised its authority to hold a tax lien sale since 2013, it has hampered the ability of the municipalities to have all monies available for their operations.

AGREE, implementation has begun, will increase as staffing levels allow. Current Treasurer- Tax Collector's office staff vacancy rate is 40%.

Findings #: F 2. The proposed sale of 141 tax-defaulted properties is only three percent of the total available properties eligible for tax sale.

AGREE, implementation has begun. Current Treasurer-Tax Collector's office staff vacancy rate is 40%, will increase resources devoted commensurate with available staffing.

Recommendation #: R 1. The County conduct a tax lien sale on an annual basis including properties from the cities of Clearlake and Lakeport.

AGREE, has been implemented.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Ringen
Treasurer -Tax Collector

cc: Board of Supervisors, County of Lake
Carol J. Hutchingson, Chief Administrative Officer