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July 28, 2011

The Honorable Richard C. Martin
Judge of the Superior Court
County of Lake Grand Jury
P. O. Box 1078
Kelseyville, CA 95451

**RE: CITY OF LAKEPORT RESPONSE TO THE 2010-2011
LAKE COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT**

Dear Mr. Christensen and Members of the Grand Jury:

Thank you for your time and service to the 2010-2011 Lake County Civil Grand Jury.

I have carefully read all of your comments, findings and requests for response items under your 2010-2011 Final Report dated June 30, 2011. Below you will find responses to your recommendations.

City and County Governmental Agencies, "That's the Way It's Always Been Done"

The City of Lakeport accepts the concept that all policies and practices should be reduced to writing when possible. The City has recently updated its Personnel Rules and Emergency Response Plan and is in the process of updating its OSHA IIPP plans. Realistically, all plans and policies are reviewed and updated as time allows in order to maintain legal compliance and incorporate "best practices" into operational documents.

Joint Powers Authority—The Shadow Government

Most of this section is directed to the County of Lake. As respect to Lakeport's participation in JPAs, one of the most important, Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF), handles workers' compensation and liability coverage. The participation in this JPA has resulted in great cost savings and increased training opportunities. These benefits are especially important in times of limited fiscal resources such as have been experienced in recent years. No JPA where Lakeport is a member has sold bonds or created revenue streams other than from member contributions.

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JPA's are mischaracterized as "shadow government" and are more appropriately described as "cooperative government" where shared resources are used to more efficiently deal with issues common to all its members.

Mold in My Home: Does Anybody Care?

Most of this section is directed to the County of Lake which also handles environmental health issues for Lakeport. Lakeport's Building Official will respond to private mold complaints but then directs citizens to local mold mitigation firms if requested. Lakeport also has the ability to abate nuisance situations where mold is a hazard. Lakeport supports the recommendation R-1; but R-2 should not remove website reference to mold services, but be changed to correctly direct citizens to the agency that can provide information regarding mold.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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