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Honorable Richard C. Martin  
Judge of the Superior Court  
255 North Forbes Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453

RE: 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report  
District Attorney's Response to Findings and Recommendations

Honorable Richard C. Martin:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, the Lake County District Attorney's Office makes the following responses to findings and recommendation in the 2010-2011 Lake County Civil Grand Jury Final Report:

**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Findings:

F-1 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-2 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-3 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-4 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-5 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-6 The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendations:

R-1 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

R-2 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

R-3 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Auditor-Controller-Clerk in the compiling of a complete list of a Joint Powers of Authority if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

F-4 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Auditor-Controller-Clerk with the clarification of responsibilities and procedures if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

R-5 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

R-6 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate in annual oversights if the District Attorney's Office enters into a Joint Powers of Authority.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Findings:

F-1 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-2 The respondent disagrees in part with the findings. The respondent agrees with procedures that will reduce court trials by the use of plea bargaining process. The respondent disagrees it is the goal of the District Attorney to minimize the inmates time spent in jail. It is the policy and goal of the District Attorney's Office to have the punishment fit the crime and the historical back ground of the defendant. The District Attorney recognizes the financial burden of incarceration of inmates in the county jail and of the potential effects of the implementation of AB109 will have on county government. However, the District Attorney's Office will not sacrifice public safety by minimizing time convicted criminal will spend in jail.

Recommendations:

F-1 The recommendation has been implemented, and the 2011-2012 Grand Jury is welcome to conduct an oversight of this office.

## VICTIM-WITNESS DIVISION

### Findings:

F-1 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-2 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-3 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-4 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-5 The respondent disagrees wholly with the findings. The Victim-Witness Division is fully responsive to the needs of the culturally diverse community. At times it becomes difficult to communicate with certain individuals due to language barriers, however; arrangements are always made to bridge that communication gap in an effective manner. The employees of the Victim-Witness Division work closely and attend classes, seminars and cultural events with Hispanic, Indian and other cultural groups.

### Recommendations:

R-1 The recommendation has been implemented. The Victim Witness is very proactive and will continue to be in the future in educating the public and other agencies in solving crisis situations and our immediate intervention.

R-2 The recommendation has been implemented in part. The Victim-Witness actively seeks grants from public and/or private sources. In the event a private organization offers programs for financial help, we will seek those funds.

R-3 The recommendation has not yet been implemented. The Victim-Witness is not adverse to volunteer workers, however; because of the confidential nature of this work it is difficult obtain qualified volunteers. The Victim-Witness Division will be receptive to volunteers that meet the qualifications.

R-4 The recommendation has not yet been implemented. Currently, there are no openings in this department. In the future, if an opening exists for the hiring of an advocate, this office recognizes the benefit of a bilingual advocate.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OVERSIGHT

### Findings:

F-1 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-2 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-3 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-4 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-5 The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendations:

R-1 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Code Enforcement in training their employees.

R-2 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Code Enforcement to ensure their safety.

R-3 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Code Enforcement and other agencies forming this task force.

F-4 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Code Enforcement in surveillance of these areas

R-5 The recommendation has been implemented. The District Attorney's Office actively prosecutes cases of illegal dumping.

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

Findings:

F-1 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-2 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-3 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-4 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-5 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-6 The respondent agrees with the finding.

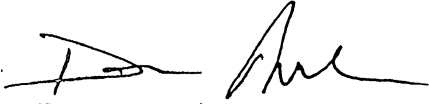
F-7 The respondent agrees with the finding.

F-8 The respondent disagrees wholly with the finding. The District Attorney has prosecuted illegal dumping cases in the past. The extent of the prosecution is on a case by case basis, and will depend on the evidence of each case presented to this office.

Recommendations

R-1 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Public Services Department in posting hot line numbers for the reporting of all criminal activity.

R-2 The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but respondent will cooperate with the Lake County Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Department in the enforcement of all crimes in county parks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "A".

Don A. Anderson  
Lake County District Attorney