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July 23, 2024

To: Honorable Judge Timothy Fall
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
1000 Main Street
Woodland, CA 95695

To: Yolo County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 2142
Woodland, CA 95776

RE: 2023-2024 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: The Yolo County General Plan – LET’S START THINKIN’ ABOUT TOMORROW.

Honorable Judge Fall,

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2023-2024 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, “The Yolo County General Plan – LET’S START THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW” from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The response from the Department of Community Services was sent under separate cover on July 23, 2024 and is attached.

F-1: The failure to commit the funds necessary to plan for the next Yolo County General Plan prolongs the lengthy and expensive process required to plan for the future of Yolo County.

Response: The respondent disagrees with the finding and concurs with the response from the Department of Community Services.

Department of Community Services response under separate cover:

We disagree with the finding. The Board is aware of the need to update the General Plan in the future, though there is no statutory or regulatory requirement for how often the General Plan must be updated. When appropriate, the Board will allocate funds to update the General Plan as part of the annual budget process.

F-2: The General Plan process is lengthy and will take years to finalize. The failure to establish a timeframe for the General Plan risks a potential setback due to the length of time it will take to complete.

Response: The respondent partially disagrees with the finding and concurs with the response from the Department of Community Services.

Department of Community Services response under separate cover:

We partially disagree with the finding. Though the process of updating the General Plan may be lengthy, the plan does not need to be updated in its entirety, allowing the county to update it in portions as necessary. When appropriate, the Board will provide guidance and establish a timeline for Yolo County staff to complete the changes.

R-1: By September 1, 2024, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors should begin committing the funds needed to develop the new General Plan. The General Plan is a process that will undoubtedly take years to complete. Allocating the funds needed over multiple years would have less impact on the Yolo County budget.

Response: The respondent will not implement the recommendation as it is not warranted at this time for the reasons described in the Department of Community Services response.

Department of Community Services response under separate cover:

We will not implement the recommendation as it is not warranted at this time. The General Plan does not need a comprehensive update; the housing element is the only portion of the general plan that is on a mandated update schedule. When appropriate, the Board will allocate funds to update the General Plan as part of the annual budget process.

R-2: By September 1, 2024, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors should direct Yolo County staff to begin establishing timelines for the new General Plan. It will undoubtedly take years to complete, necessitating the allocation of time and resources now to ensure completion by the expiration of the current General Plan.

Response: The respondent will not implement the recommendation as it is not warranted at this time for the reasons described in the Department of Community Services response.

Department of Community Services response under separate cover:

We will not implement the recommendation as it is not warranted at this time. The current General Plan does not expire. When appropriate, the Board will coordinate with Yolo County staff to establish timelines and the allocation of resources.