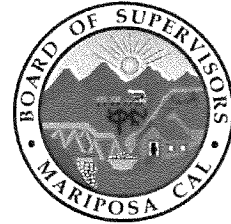




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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-432

MEETING: September 11, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer
RE: Final Response to 2017-18 Grand Jury Report

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Response of the Board of Supervisors to the 2017-2018 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Response; and Direct the County Administrative Officer to Transmit the Response to the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Superior Court.

The California Penal Code requires the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of a public agency subject to the Grand Jury's reviewing authority, to comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to the matters under the control of the governing body within ninety days after the Grand Jury submits its Final Report.

Please see the attached response. For reference, the complete Grand Jury Final Report for 2017-18 is also attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has responded to the Grand Jury Final Report in previous years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Approve the draft response with revisions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Grand Jury Response FY17-18 (DOCX)
2017-2018 GJ Final Report - June 25-2018 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

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September 11, 2018

The Honorable Michael A. Fagalde
Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
5088 Bullion Street
Post Office Box 28
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Response to the Mariposa County 2017-2018 Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Fagalde:

With our gratitude for the time, dedication and professional demeanor of the 2017-2018 Grand Jury, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide the following response to their findings and recommendations. Because the County is not an alliance of departments but rather a single organization, this Board will be responding on behalf of its public works and information technology departments. The Board acknowledges and agrees with all findings unless specified otherwise in the comments below. Accordingly:

Landfill and Recycle Facility

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees with Finding 14, which states that the Mariposa County Landfill and Recycling Facility meets or exceeds the state-mandated 50% diversion threshold requirement.
2. The Board of Supervisors agrees that there is extremely expensive equipment that needs to be replaced as it approaches its economic and reliable useful life. County staff is aware of the need and is preparing a responsible recommendation for the Board. National Park System entrance fees are not typically used for upgrades and capital improvements to a non-federal facility, but we will continue to explore all possibilities with our partners in Yosemite.

3. The authority to offer compost to residents at any price rests with the Board of Supervisors. Scientific testing of the compost is ongoing. When staff is confident that the compost is safe for residential use, this Board will consider a means for distribution.
4. The Board of Supervisors agrees with Finding 17.
5. The Board of Supervisors agrees that closure and post-closure costs are an important priority now and in the future. The Board has made significant investments to an account specifically dedicated to this purpose.

The Board further agrees that closure costs should be included in the calculation of rates. We are grateful that the latest information indicates a rate increase is not currently needed.

Public Works Inventory Control

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees that inventory discrepancies have been found in the divisions mentioned. In the fleet division, changes have been implemented to tighten inventory controls including additional review of repair orders, additional training on accurate inventory allocation and additional inventory counts to ensure adherence to stated policy.

The Board desires to provide clarifying detail to the incorrect statement that quantities of base rock and cold patch materials is released by the ton. Staff purchases these materials from the supplier using certified scale weights. Because there are not scales located at any of the division's facilities, the release of these materials to a job site is estimated based on the capacity (measurement in cubic feet) of the loader buckets. This practice of estimating material volumes is common in the road and bridge maintenance and construction industries and acceptable to this Board.

Technical Services

1. The Board of Supervisors agrees that the prior director of technical services retired in December 2017. On January 23, 2018, the Board appointed the county administrative officer, Dallin Kimble, to serve as interim director.
2. It is difficult to identify exactly how much funding currently goes to technical services. In addition to technical services staff, there are technical services-focused employees within the human services department and individual departments are able to buy technical equipment outside of the technical services budget. This challenge was identified by the previous director and is currently being addressed through a countywide technical services assessment.
3. The County is nearing completion of a thorough assessment of the technical services organization, function and needs in all areas of our operations. Third party experts have been used to evaluate each aspect and provide their recommendations. A full report is expected to be presented to the Board in September 2018.

4. The acquisition of an enterprise management system (EMS) has been included in the countywide assessment. We would note the following important details:
 - a. It should be clear that such a system is the primary platform on which the County does business, but is separate and distinct from either an email and office productivity suite such as Office 365 or a tax collection system. Each of those valuable softwares will need to be acquired independent of the EMS.
 - b. There are multiple EMS vendors including Tyler Tech and Superion (formerly Vista). The County has recently received updated quotes from each vendor.
 - c. The Board of Supervisors allocated the remaining dollars needed for an EMS and some other technical improvements during the 2017-2018 midyear budget adjustments. The balance of the technical services capital fund is now \$981,051.
 - d. As this system will be at the core of everything we do for at least 10-15 years, it seems prudent to allow for the conclusion of the ongoing assessment and the hiring of a new leader for technical services before moving forward. Even so, system selection and the start of the implementation process are anticipated within the fiscal year.

The Board was also invited to comment on the adult detention facility and Mount Bullion Conservation Camp. The Board is very pleased with the sheriff's efforts to expand and improve the adult detention facility. State funds have been sought as recommended. Despite a well-constructed proposal, Mariposa County has not yet been awarded the funds we seek. Understanding the scarcity of resources statewide, we will continue to pursue all avenues to ensure the adult detention facility is meeting current needs and prepared for the needs of the future. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Sheriff's response on the use of volunteer teachers/coaches.

The Mount Bullion Conservation Camp is a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility and the Board has no input on its operation. As such, the Board is unable to comment in a meaningful way on the recommendations issued. It is worth noting here however, that we are appreciative of the positive impact of this facility in our community including fire break management, roadside clearing, weed abatement, and so on.

This concludes the responses of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to the FY 2017-2018 Grand Jury report. The Board of Supervisors is pleased with the progress that has been made and recognized on a number of issues. We are grateful to the Grand Jury for the opportunity to address and improve the aspects of county government operations as discussed.

Sincerely,



Rosemarie Smallcombe, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors