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Honorable Lance G. Jacot, Presiding Judge
San Joaquin Superior Court
180 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 1306J
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Judge Jacot:

Responses to 2025-2026 Final Grand Jury Report

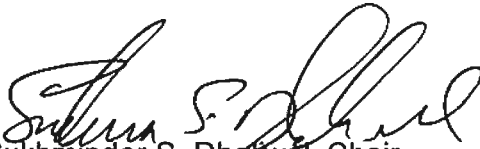
Pursuant to Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code, attached please find the Board of Supervisors' and departmental response to the Grand Jury final Report for the following case:

Investigation/Follow-Up Report:

Old System, New Costs: Confronting Wastewater Inefficiency in Linne Estates (Case #0124)

If you have any additional questions regarding these responses, please contact County Administrator, Sandy Regalo at (209) 468-3203.

Sincerely,


Sukhminder S. Dhaliwal, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of San Joaquin

Attachments:

- Response to the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Reports
- Board Letter
- Board Order

c: Sandy Regalo, County Administrator
Najee Zarif, Director of Public Works
Edward Kiernan, County Counsel
Krystal Gonzalez, Judicial Secretary



ATTACHMENT:
Response to the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Final Report

INVESTIGATION/FOLLOW-UP REPORT:

San Joaquin County, Case #0124 – “Old System, New Costs: Confronting Wastewater Inefficiency in Linne Estates”

Summary

The 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury investigated complaints regarding the inefficiencies and rising costs associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Linne Estates, revealing operational and design flaws rather than mismanagement.

Background

- Linne Estates is part of County Service Area (CSA) 44, established for public services including wastewater treatment.
- The independent WWTP was built by developers and has faced operational deficiencies since the County took over in 2008.
- Homeowners protested the rate increases due to design flaws, leading to ongoing financial deficits.

Findings

2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury Finding F1:

The BOS did not provide documentation of initiating contact with the City of Tracy regarding their interest in allowing CSA 44 to connect to the city's sewer system.

Response to Finding F1:

Disagree.

The Board of Supervisors initiated conversations with the City of Tracy in late September 2025, regarding a potential connection to the City of Tracy's wastewater treatment plant. This led to a meeting on October 24, 2025. The outcome of the meeting was the City indicated they were currently uninterested in facilitating a connection between the County's effluent and the City's wastewater system. The City indicated the County could revisit the discussion at a future time in coordination with the updates to the City's annexation and utilities master plans.

Recommendations

2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury Recommendation R1:

By October 1, 2026, the BOS should follow through with initiating contact with the City of Tracy and provide documentation that it was done.

Response to Recommendation R1:

Has been implemented.

The County and City met on July 14, 2026 to re-initiate discussions on a potential sewer interconnection. The July 14, 2026 meeting provided an opportunity for the County and City to resume discussions and explore whether a future sewer interconnection may be feasible.