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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT
DISTRICT
FROM: BRENT P. COLLINSON
RE: GRAND JURY REPORT AND RESPONSE

On June 23, the Placer County Grand Jury released a report titled "Review of Placer County Government and Special District/Agency Websites". They provided the District the portion of their Report that pertains to our District. It is staff's understanding and it certainly appears that we were randomly selected along with Northstar CSD and other special districts throughout the County. A copy of their transmittal and that portion of their Report is included with this memo.

As noted in that Report, the Grand Jury reviewed the websites of Placer County, the 6 incorporated cities in Placer County and 5 special Districts, including our District. Although the Report "commends all the entities surveyed for their efforts to make records easily available to the public through their websites. . . , as good as the websites are, the Grand Jury found several areas for improvement."

In discussing this matter with staff, they report that no one from the Grand Jury contacted anyone at the District and we had no knowledge of this review until receipt of their Report.

In reviewing our website and the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations, it also is questionable as to whether our website was reviewed in any detail inasmuch as many of their Recommendations for our website were already on our website. One example is that the Grand Jury recommended that all special districts assure that their websites at a minimum meet the best-practices checklist from the Special District Leadership Foundation, apparently not noticing on our home page that the SDLF has awarded us their Transparency Certificate of Excellence!

Staff has already implemented most of the Recommendations that did apply, adding recommended information and links to our website in order to be as transparent as possible.

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It is necessary for the Board to respond both to the Grand Jury as well as the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court regarding the Grand Jury's Findings and Recommendations. That Response is due September 22. Although the Grand Jury provided a form that could be used for that response, it appears more appropriate to respond in letter form so to allow for a more complete discussion and explanation.

Therefore, a proposed response is included in this package for the Board's review, input and final action. Since our reply is due September 22, before the September 30 Board Meeting, approval of the Board's reply should occur at the August Board Meeting (or, if necessary, added to the September 4 Special Board Meeting).



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