



## YOLO COUNTY CHAPTER

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Dear Mr. Blacklock,

I am writing to you as a Yolo County resident and President of the Yolo-CGJA, a chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association, composed of Yolo County residents who are previous grand jury members. Our goals are to support the grand jury system and promote government accountability. One of our tasks is to follow up on prior grand jury recommendations.

The following pertains to the 2014-15 Grand Jury report on the Yolo County Central Landfill. You responded to a recommendation indicating intent to take action. Although implementation might have occurred, the public at large and succeeding grand juries are not aware of it.

In its report, the Yolo County Grand Jury recommendation **R3** was:

**“Director, PPWES, shall complete an assessment plan on the possibility of utilizing solar panels on the landfill property to produce electricity by July 1, 2016.”**

Here is the your response to recommendation R3:

“Director of Planning, Public Works & Environmental Services and Deputy Director for Integrated Waste Management response: This recommendation will be implemented, however, due to budget and staffing limitations, will likely not be implemented by July 1, 2016.

The division previously looked into the possibility of using solar panels on the landfill property to produce electricity. It was determined at the time that moving forward with a solar project was not economically feasible, especially as the landfill is regulated by many different local, state and federal agencies which apply additional and costly requirements that do not apply to other sites. A fresh look into this issue may result in a more feasible and economical approach, which the landfill would welcome.”

**Please provide us with a specific update on your response to this grand jury recommendation.**

We would appreciate your response by August 31, 2016. You may send your response electronically to: Barbara Sommer at [cgjayolo@gmail.com](mailto:cgjayolo@gmail.com). Please note that we will share this letter and your response with the current Yolo County Grand Jury, the advising judge, and the public.

Sincerely,

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