

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

The governance of responses to the Grand Jury Final Report is contained in Penal Code §933 and §933.05. Responses must be submitted within 60 or 90 days. Elected officials must respond within sixty (60) days, governing bodies (for example, the Board of Supervisors) must respond within ninety (90) days. Please submit all responses in writing and digital format to the Advising Judge and the Grand Jury Foreperson.

Report Title: DUNNIGAN FIRE PROTECTION DIST Report Date: 3/13/12

Response by: BOB BECKER Title: COMMISSIONER - CHAIR

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

F8

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

F1

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: _____
have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: R1 & R2
require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

Recommendations numbered: _____
will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

Date: 5-12-2012 Signed: _____

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May 6, 2012

Honorable Judge David Reed
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County of Yolo
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RE: 2011-12 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Reed,

The following is the Dunnigan Fire Protection Districts Board of Commissioners response to the 2011-2012 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report specifically addressing the Dunnigan Fire Protection District Findings F1 and F8, and recommendations R1 and R2.

We agree with finding F8. We continuously strive to adhere to the Brown Act through ongoing research and self-education on what is required when fulfilling our responsibilities.

We disagree partially with F1: *“Retention procedure of the volunteer firefighters follows the DFPD policy.”* The District does not have a retention policy. At this point in time the volunteers are governed by their organizational structure, officers and internal policies and procedures, which is a separate entity from the District. However, from what we understand, they do follow their internal retention policies.

For purposes of readability we have included the Grand Jury’s recommendation in italics with our responses following.

R-1 *“Implement a standard written policy to inform all volunteer firefighters of the DFPD volunteer retention procedure.”*

We support this recommendation.

We have historically not provided direction over the volunteer's by-laws and membership policies unless it directly affected the district's liability. We do, however, agree that this would be beneficial to new volunteers who may find themselves barraged with new information when they are first accepted to the department. We think a written document outlining the probationary volunteer's activities would be a beneficial and may help those reach fully vested status. We support the development of such a document.

R-2 "Identify and publish a protocol for response call situation that may be appropriate for the first responder to respond from their location directly to the emergency."

This recommendation will require further analysis.

We agree with this concept that in some cases it may be appropriate for the first responder to arrive at the scene of emergency before going to the stations as our current policies require. We will support the Chief and his officers if they decide this would be a beneficial policy for the volunteer's response procedures.

Respectfully yours,

The Dunnigan Fire District Board of Commissioners