



July 3, 2013

Honorable D. Lynn Jones
Presiding Judge
Madera County Superior Court
209 West Yosemite Avenue
Madera, Ca 93637

Phil Atkinson
Madera County Grand Jury
PO Box 634
Madera, Ca 93639

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report on Madera LAFCO

Honorable Judge Jones and Mr. Atkinson,

The City of Madera City Council has reviewed the 2012-2013 Madera County Grand Jury report entitled "Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)." A response to this report from Mayor of the City has been required by the Grand Jury. After reviewing the report, the Council offers the following response:

Findings: With regard to Findings 1 through 4, the City Council has concluded that the referenced subjects are not under the City's control. With regard to Findings 5 and 6, the City believes that the findings are overly broad and not reflective of the level of participation and preparation offered by the City's designated LAFCO member(s).

Recommendations: With regard to Recommendations 1 and 2, the City Council has concluded that the referenced subjects are not under the City's control. As to recommendations 3 through 5, the City Council concurs and will implement, or continue to implement, the actions identified. Council members appointed to serve as LAFCO Commissioners will be made aware of the time and preparation necessary to fulfill this role, as well as the need to be informed regarding the rules and regulations that guide LAFCO business. The City Council will continue its practice of encouraging its members to report on pertinent issues they become aware of through membership on local and regional boards and commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the 2012-2013 Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Poythress". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert L. Poythress, Mayor