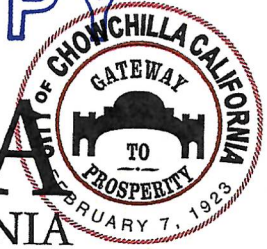


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Madera County Grand Jury  
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GRAND JURY

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05(a) and (b), please allow this document to serve as the response from the Director of Public Works (Director) and the City Council of Chowchilla (City) to the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury Report entitled, "Fairmead: Waiting for a Train " (hereafter, referred to as, "Report.") The City respects the role of the Grand Jury to act as the public's "watchdog" and its role in investigating and reporting upon affairs of local government. The City and Director Response to the Findings:

It is our opinion that the Findings detailed by the Grand Jury in the Report are primarily related to outside agencies and not within the City's jurisdiction. As such, the City will only be providing a response to Finding 2 and Recommendation 2 of the Report as they directly mention the City.

**Finding 2:**

*The MCGJ finds Fairmead is in dire need of assistance to mitigate the sewer challenges.*

**Response:**

The City and Director agree with the finding that Fairmead is in dire need of assistance to mitigate the sewer challenges.

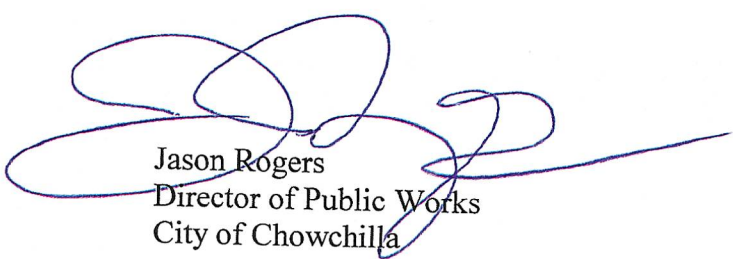
The City and Director Response to the Recommendations:

**Recommendation 2:**

*The MCGJ recommends that the Board of Supervisors create a work group with the City of Chowchilla, Fairmead Community and Friends (FCF), and HSRA to establish timelines, monitor progress, and report to the Board of Supervisors annually regarding the implementation of the sewer system by October 1, 2024."*

**Response:**

This recommendation has not yet been implemented and will be implemented in the future. The City currently has regular meetings with High-Speed Rail Authority, State Water Resources Control Board and other stakeholders regarding the future project and can provide an updated report to the Madera County Board of Supervisors by October 1, 2024.



Jason Rogers  
Director of Public Works  
City of Chowchilla