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LAND OF NATURAL WEALTH AND BEAUTY

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Date: July 21, 2009

To: Hon. James F. Reilly, Presiding Judge  
c/o Court Administration  
Superior Court of California, County of Butte  
One Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965

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From: Richard Price, Agricultural Commissioner *[Signature]*  
Director of Weights and Measures

Subject: Weights and Measures Department Response to 2008-09 Final  
Grand Jury Report Recommendations

### Findings

F1. The Department is well managed by three dedicated, highly trained and knowledgeable personnel. A cut in the budget would most likely require a cut in staff.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

F2. The Department is operating within its budget. The testing laboratory and equipment are well maintained. However, additional funding is required to purchase devices to check digital computerized gasoline fuel dispensers. The devices currently cost approximately \$28,000.00 each.

The respondent agrees with the finding.

### Recommendations:

R1. It is strongly recommended that this Department be exempt from any personnel cut.

**This recommendation will not be implemented because it is unreasonable.**

All current and future departmental personnel staffing levels are subject to potential budgetary decisions made in response to state and county levels. This department is not exempt from those budgetary decisions.

At the time of this response, there are has been no budgetary recommendations to reduce the number of personnel conducting weights and measures activities in this department.

R2. It is strongly recommended that next year's budget include the funds necessary for the purchase of updated equipment.

**This recommendation will not be implemented because it is unreasonable.**

This department will make the request for updated equipment in next fiscal year's budget. However, future available funding for the purchase of equipment may severely reduced or unavailable in next year's budget. Historically, the county has provided funding to the department for updated equipment when funding has been available.