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Hon. Tamara L. Mosbarger, Presiding Judge
c/o Court Administration
Superior Court of California, County of Butte
One Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Re: 2017/18 Butte County Grand Jury Report - City of Oroville Public Safety

Judge Mosbarger:

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has reviewed the 2017/18 Butte County Grand Jury Final Report on the City of Oroville Police and Fire Departments and submits the following responses to the Grand Jury's Findings (F) and Recommendations (R).

F5: *The City of Oroville agreed to hire additional sworn officers and support staff with the annexation of Southside neighborhood.*

Response: It is unfortunate that the City did not implement its commitment to hire additional police officers with the South Side Annexation. However, LAFCo is not in a position to enforce agency commitments outside the LAFCo process. That is within the prerogative of the City Council. LAFCo is mindful of the service capacity concerns raised in your report and will consider them in its next MSR update for the City of Oroville and in any other Oroville changes of organization that are proposed in the interim.

R6: *LAFCO and City of Oroville must work together to develop and submit an implementation plan to merge the El Medio Fire Protection District to the City of Oroville Fire Department and begin the process by October 31, 2018.*

Response: It is premature and prejudicial for the Commission to make any observations concerning the viability of a reorganization of the two agencies fire protection services until such time all relevant facts have been evaluated. Furthermore, the delivery of fire protection services throughout the county is the subject of much discussion and may involve a larger evaluation beyond the two agencies identified which may offer more effective public safety solutions for the Oroville region.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commission Chair

Attachments: 1. Grand Jury Letter dated June 1, 2018