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July 22, 2025

The Honorable Timothy S. Healy, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court State of California  
P.O. Box 850  
San Andreas, CA 95249

**RE: Board of Supervisors response to "Calaveras County Animal Services: A new Shelter" Grand Jury Report**

Dear Honorable Judge Healy:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections §933 & §933.05, the County of Calaveras Board of Supervisors submits this response to the above referenced Grand Jury report dated June 2, 2025, which was received in the Office of the County Administrator on June 6, 2025. The Board wishes to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their professionalism and dedication to public service, which made this report possible.

**GRAND JURY FINDINGS FOR CALAVERAS COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES**

**Grand Jury Finding F1**

The conditions and construction of the current Animal Services facility do not adequately provide safe care and housing for animals according to current industry standards.

***County Response to Finding F1***

The County agrees with this finding.

***Grand Jury Recommendation R1***

Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors provide their direction on whether or not the County will proceed with the construction of the industry standard compatible facility outlined in the plans purchased through the contract with LDA Partners, Inc., by October 1, 2025, in order to minimize the impacts of future financial market factors on plan viability.

***County Response to Recommendation R1***

This recommendation has been implemented. On June 24, 2025 the Board of Supervisors provided direction that authorized staff to negotiate and return with a contract for bid-phase and construction-phase services with LDA Partners and directed staff to begin preparing the bid package and to continue exploring financing options in coordination with the Auditor's Office.

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### **Grand Jury Finding F2**

The remaining \$3,995,015.00 set aside for this project are held in the General Fund and are not guaranteed to remain exclusively for the Animal Services build and may be redirected to other projects at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. This could potentially negatively impact the efforts of the county to secure matching grant funding or donations.

### **County Response to Finding F2**

The County partially agrees with this finding. The remaining funds set aside for the shelter facility are held in the General Fund and are not guaranteed to remain exclusively for the Animal Services building and may be redirected to other projects at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. However, this has no negative impact on the efforts of the county to secure matching grant funding or donations.

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R2**

Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors consider passing a resolution to officially designate the remaining project funds located in the General Fund as Committed Funds according to the policies outlined in General Administrative Policy-Finance, B-01 Budget and Finance, Resolution 2012-087 and 20250128r007, effective date January 28, 2025, by October 1, 2025.

### **County Response to Recommendation R2**

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. A resolution would not result in a permanent restriction of the funds. Although these are general fund discretionary dollars, the Board has set them aside to construct a new animal shelter facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Huberty".

Martin Huberty  
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