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Presiding Judge Ricardo Cordova Superior Court – Stanislaus County P.O. Box 3488 Modesto, CA 95353

Re:

Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Response, City of Waterford

To the Honorable Cordova:

The following is submitted pursuant to the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury's request for response from the City of Waterford and the City Council dated June 27, 2012. The attached report has been reviewed in its entirety and has been found to be pertaining to the operation or alleged operations of the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, an independent entity for which this responding agency has no governance. The relationship currently is limited to the appointment of one member. The City of Waterford can offer no opinions on any of the findings (F1-F9) because it has no information upon which to base any response. For the same reason the City has no opinions as to the recommendations, with the exception being R8. As R8 appears to potentially pertain to the City's appointment power, the City Council will respond to that recommendation by indicating it has no objection to some or all Board Members being elected.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Tim Ogden, City Manager, City of Waterford