

Honorable David G. Vander Wall
Presiding Judge, Stanislaus Superior Court
P.O. Box 3488
Modesto, CA 95353

July 28, 2004

Re: Response to the 2003/2004 Civil Grand Jury Report - City Of Hughson

Dear Judge Vander Wall,

The Council of the City Of Hughson publicly reviewed and discussed facts and findings in the report at their regular Council meeting of Monday, July 26, 2004. The Council has authorized and directed the following response:

1. Grand Jury Case No. 04-07. Subject – Administration of the Cal-Home Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Assistance Program. Response: The City Of Hughson acknowledge the conclusions of the Civil Grand Jury that the City Of Hughson has taken appropriate measures to ensure the correct and proper administration of the program and we will continue to adhere to our administration policies.
2. Grand Jury Case No. 04-019. Subject – Declaration of an emergency at the sewer lift station in the City Of Hughson. Response: The City Of Hughson acknowledges that a complaint was filed with the Civil Grand Jury, but the City Of Hughson also received the same complaint. The Council of the City Of Hughson was concerned about the facts surrounding the emergency lift station repairs. To fully understand the issues the Council at a public meeting held on March 8, 2004 entered into a contract with Carollo engineering to investigate the circumstances involved in this project. On May 24, 2004 the Council, at a public meeting, received the report and reviewed the findings developed by Carollo Engineering. A copy of the report and findings was provided to the Civil Grand Jury in May 2004. The Carollo report findings are the same as the findings of the Grand Jury. The Council did on May 24, 2004 accept and acknowledged the findings in the Carollo report at a public meeting. The Council, at the regular Council meeting of July 26, 2004 pledged that the Council and the Staff of the City Of Hughson would in the future closely monitor all projects for compliance with all State and Local laws and procedures.

If I can answer any questions in regards to the response of the Council to the report of the Civil Grand Jury, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Bart Conner
Mayor