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Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury  
Presiding Judge of the El Dorado County Superior Court  
1354 Johnson Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Dear Judge Kingsbury,

The El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission has received the recent Grand Jury Report on fire districts, titled "Moving Forward in County Fire Services Sustainability," Grand Jury Case No. 18-01. On behalf of this Commission, I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

El Dorado LAFCO has carefully considered the report, the methodology, its findings and each of the recommendations submitted by the Grand Jury. While the report does not include LAFCO as a respondent to this report, LAFCO respectfully submits this response to the following:

Finding #3, which reads,

*F3: There are significant on-going discussions regarding County fire services sustainability encouraged by the County Board of Supervisors and LAFCO.*

*Response:* El Dorado LAFCO agrees with this finding.

*Explanation:* For the past 13 years, the Commission has been at the forefront of leading discussions, researching options and has made itself available as a resource to the fire agencies.

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Recommendation #1, which reads,

*R1: The Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with LAFCO and elected fire protection district board members, should continue to explore options and models for County-wide fire service sustainability.*

*Response:* El Dorado LAFCO agrees with this recommendation.

*Explanation:* LAFCO can have a role to play in these ongoing discussions and will definitely be involved if there has to be some type of governmental reorganization as part of the solution.

We thank the Grand Jury for its time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

Shiva Frentzen  
Chair