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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 district consolidations, Grand Jury Case No. 17-04. 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. The report specifically requests that LAFCO respond to Finding #3, which reads,

F3: The Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with LAFCO, is best positioned to champion fire agency consolidation.

Response: El Dorado LAFCO agrees with this finding.

Explanation: While LAFCO is not a champion for consolidation as the only solution to the financing challenges that fire suppression agencies face, for the past 12 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. 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

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