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November 2, 2022

Solano County Civil Grand Jury
c/o Cheryl Clower, Administrative Assistant to the Grand Jury
Hall of Justice
600 Union Ave
Fairfield, CA 94533

Via Email only: cdclower@solano.courts.ca.gov

Dear Cheryl Clower:

The City of Dixon apologizes for the delay. Below, please find the responses to the questions posed in your May 31, 2022 letter Re 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report Entitled: **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in Solano County.**

In response to your May 31, 2022 letter, below are the City's responses:

V. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINDING 1 – There will not be enough electric vehicle charging stations in Solano County to support the State's goals for electric vehicles identified in Executive Order N-79-20.

RECOMMENDATION 1 – Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board members commit to programs to increase the number of electric vehicle charging stations in their jurisdictions at a rate sufficient to meet Executive Order N-79-20.

City of Dixon Response:

The STA Board has committed \$300,000 of its limited Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) 40% Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager Funds towards EV charging stations over the last 3 years. In addition, the STA Board recently was awarded \$1 million from the State of California through the efforts led by Honorable Assemblywoman Lori Wilson and will work to allocate the funding in the coming year.

STA staff will continue to partner with the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) to advocate for clean air funding through their program for EV additional charging stations in the northern section of Solano County. The City of Dixon is committed to working with STA staff to utilize funding toward additional charging stations. The City engaged in a potential site inventory conducted by City staff and STA representatives that identified city-

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wide locations where the chargers could be more effective. As programs have been offered, the City has applied and will continue to do so.

FINDING 3 – In the 2018 EVTP, the STA Board approved a plan to install trailblazing signs to identify locations of electric vehicle charging stations. As of 2022, there is no evidence of progress on that plan.

RECOMMENDATION 3 – STA Board work with jurisdictions and agencies to install signage denoting the location of existing charging stations and to include appropriate signage as a component of future installations.

City of Dixon Response:

STA staff is working with its member agencies to seek resources to install signs denoting EV charging station locations. The City will apply for and utilize resources for standardized signage as they become available.

FINDING 5 – AB 1236 and AB 970 require all California cities and counties to develop an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations. Not all jurisdictions in Solano County have complied.

RECOMMENDATION 5 – All Solano County jurisdictions comply with streamlined permitting requirements, including adoption of an ordinance and checklist as required by AB 1236 and AB 970.

City of Dixon Response:

AB 1236 and AB 970 are state laws that were supposed to be adopted by cities by 2017 (for jurisdictions less than 200,000 people). They both relate to EV charging stations and having expedited process for permitting these facilities. For some reason, these were never adopted by the City. It came to our attention earlier this year and we are including adoption of those bills as part of our tri annual building code update. The Draft Ordinance adoption updating the City's Municipal Code to for the tri annual building code updates, along with adopting these state laws is scheduled to go to Council on 11/15 and 12/6. Now that the City has a Chief Building Official, we are also starting to work on the implementation procedures, checklist, handouts and process to put those laws into effect.

Feel free to contact me at (707) 678-7000 or jilindley@cityofdixon.us if you have any questions or need clarification on any of our responses.

Sincerely,



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