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To: Honorable D. Scott Daniels

Presiding Judge

From: Bill Emlen

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Re: Response to Grand Jury Report of April 26, 2011 - California Department of Corrections

and Rehabilitation Conservation Camp (Delta Camp)

Honorable Judge Daniels:

The following, under Penal Code sections 933(c) and 933.05, is the Solano County Department of Resource Management response to the findings and recommendations contained in the 2010/11 Grand Jury Report of April 26, 2011 concerning the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Conservation Camp (Delta Camp).

Finding 1

The lack of stop signs on roads entering Lambie Road poses a safety problem for fire crews leaving the Delta Camp facility and others using Lambie Road.

Response to Finding 1

Resource Management – Resource Management disagrees with this finding.

Recommendation 1

The Solano County Resource Management should place stop signs on all roads entering Lambie Road, especially Bithell Lane, which has heavy traffic.

Response to Recommendation 1

Resource Management – This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. Bithel Lane is a private road. County standards do not call for stop signs at the connection of private roads or private driveways to a County road, such as Lambie Road, for several reasons. First, the California Vehicle Code requires traffic entering a public road from private property (including a private road) to yield the right of way. This does not require the presence of a stop sign, and is commonly understood by the traveling public. We have experienced no accident problems on the County road system from this policy.

It would be inappropriate to install a stop sign at only the private road and driveway connections to Lambie Road unless this was done to the many other connections to County roads throughout Solano County, to ensure consistency. The cost of doing this would be high. It would also increase the County's liability, as the County could be held liable if a stop sign were to be removed or destroyed, even without the County's knowledge, and not replaced.