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Honorable D. Scott Daniels Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Solano Superior Court 600 Union Ave Fairfield CA 94533

RE: Health Issues at 1

Health Issues at 1745 Enterprise Drive, Building #2, Fairfield, Ca.

2009 - 2010 Grand Jury Report

Judge Daniels:

The Department of Resource Management has received the 2009-10 Grand Jury Report dated May 28, 2010 entitled "Health Issues at 1745 Enterprise Drive, Building #2, Fairfield, CA" and has been directed to respond to the Grand Jury's finding and recommendation as a Responding and Affected Agency. The Department of Resource Management does not implement work place health and safety programs and is not a lead regulatory agency regarding the issues contained in the Grand Jury Report.

Under Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the Department of Resource Management responds to the following finding and recommendation contained in the above referenced 2009-2010 Grand Jury Report that pertain to matters under the control of this office:

<u>Finding 1</u>- Seven plus years of conflict have been costly to the County and its employees. As a result of these issues, many employees lost work time due to illnesses, which may or may not have been directly attributable to the work environment. Employees felt Management was insensitive to their complaints and did not act in a timely manner.

<u>Department of Resource Management Response to Finding 1</u>- Work place health and safety programs and investigations are not under the control of the Department of Resource Management. The Department of Resource Management did support the Department of General Services and the Human Resources Department by responding to requests for information on any environmental health issues relevant to their investigations of employee concerns at 1745 Enterprise Drive, Building #2, Fairfield, CA. The Department of Resource Management will

continue to provide assistance to these departments as requested by providing information on relevant environmental health issues to address workplace complaints as they arise with the county's owned and leased facilities.

<u>Recommendation 1</u> - In the future, Risk Management should complete a risk analysis of employees' complaints to better understand the problems causing those complaints and take appropriate action based on their analysis.

<u>Department of Resource Management Response to Recommendation 1</u>- This matter is not under the control of the Department of Resource Management.

Respectfully submitted,

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2009-10 Grand Jury (via electronic submission)