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July 6, 2022

Honorable Wendy G. Getty, Presiding Judge
California Superior Court, Solano County
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO 2021-2022 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOLANO COUNTY

Dear Honorable Judge Getty:

This letter shall serve as the City of Vacaville's response in accordance with Penal Code §933.05 to the Grand Jury information request related to electric vehicle infrastructure in Solano County.

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.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 1

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation.

FINDING 2

In 2018, the STA adopted an Electric Vehicle Transition Program (EVTP) and the website (solanoev.org) for Solano County. The website is no longer working which is of no value; the EVTP is no longer current, minimizing its value and applicability.

RECOMMENDATION 2

STA update the EVTP and its website (solanoev.org) to provide accurate and current information for Solano County residents.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 2

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation.

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.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 3

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation.

FINDING 4

The 2018 STA EVTP was intended to serve as regional guidance for the transition to electric vehicles, but this guidance has not been effectively communicated.

RECOMMENDATION 4A

STA increase staff time available for implementation and oversight of the Electric Vehicle Transition Plan.

RECOMMENDATION 4B

STA add dedicated grant writing staff to bring this function in-house rather than relying on third-party vendors.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 4A

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 4B

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation.

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.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 5

The City of Vacaville agrees with the finding and recommendation. Although the City's municipal code has not been updated for AB 1236 and AB 970, Community Development Department staff do in fact expedite permit processing of electric vehicle charging stations. Community Development intends to address the municipal code update for AB 1236 and AB 970 at soonest possible juncture.

Sincerely,



Aaron Busch
City Manager

cc: Vacaville City Council
Brian McLean, Interim Director of Public Works, Maintenance