

Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : *RDA Successor Agencies from A-Z, Starting with the Letter U (Ukiah)*

Report Dated : *May 2, 2012*

Response Form Submitted By:

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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:
July 29, 2012

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

- x I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
20, 48, 54
- X I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
33, 37, 52

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

- The following Recommendation(s) have have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:

- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **attached, as required** is a time frame for implementation:

- The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
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- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, **attached, as required** is an explanation therefore:
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I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 1

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I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Meredith Ford

Title: Auditor - Controller

Signed: Meredith Ford

Date: 7-20-12

Findings:

33. The Oversight Board reviewed and considered, but did not approve the ROPS at the first meeting. Several members of the Board voiced their concern that the ROPS was not sufficiently documented, nor did the County Auditor certify the ROPS. The ROPS was certified at the second meeting.

Auditor-Controller: Disagree. I have no direct knowledge of what was said at the Oversight Board meeting. Regarding the lack of Auditor certification: The Auditor-Controller was unable to certify the ROPS prior to reviews by the State Department of Finance and by an outside auditor. We had no basis for certification at that time.

37. At the April 11 meeting, the Board approved the ROPS following a heated discussion. Only five of the seven members of the Board voted yes. The dissenting members again expressed their concern that the ROPS was not fully documented nor certified by the County Auditor.

Auditor-Controller: Disagree. I have no direct knowledge of what was said at the Oversight Board meeting. Regarding the lack of Auditor certification: The Auditor-Controller was unable to certify the ROPS prior to reviews by the State Department of Finance and by an outside auditor. We had no basis for certification at that time.

52. Some Oversight Board members stated the County Auditor must certify the ROPS list and other actions of the Successor Agency.

Auditor-Controller: Disagree. I have no direct knowledge of what was stated by Oversight Board members. The Auditor-Controller is to certify the ROPS after the State Department of Finance review and the outside auditor review. There are many other Auditor-Controller requirements as well.