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VIA U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Mimi Hall, Chair
Plumas County Board of Supervisors
520 Main Street, Room 308
Quincy, CA 95971

Re: 2024–2025 Grand Jury Final Report — Two Published Versions and the Omitted CPUD Investigation

Dear Chair Hall:

The Board of Directors of Chester Public Utility District (CPUD) writes respectfully regarding the publication of the 2024–2025 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury final report. We do so in the interest of good governance and transparency to the ratepayers we serve, and in recognition of the Board of Supervisors' role in posting Grand Jury final reports.

It has come to our attention, through public statements and local reporting, that two different versions of the 2024–2025 Grand Jury final report were released to the public — one transmitted to the Clerk of the Board and posted on the County website, and a second, containing an additional investigation, provided to the press. Neither version includes the investigation of Chester Public Utility District that Grand Jury members have publicly described. We respectfully ask:

1. Whether the Board of Supervisors or its Clerk can confirm how two differing versions of a single final report came to be released to the public;
2. Which version the County regards as the official final report for purposes of posting and response; and
3. Whether the County received, in any version submitted to it, any investigation or report concerning Chester Public Utility District.

We raise these questions respectfully and without any allegation of wrongdoing. We also note, for the Board's awareness, that correspondence received directly by the Board of Supervisors in the ordinary course of business is a public record, and that grand jury confidentiality does not attach to documents the County itself receives and holds. CPUD's interest is simply to understand the public record concerning its own District, so that, if findings exist, the District may receive and respond to them as the law provides. We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' attention to transparency in this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Chester Public Utility District:

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