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PLUMAS SUPERIOR COURT

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Board Chair and Directors of Chester
Public Utility District
P.O. Box 503
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Re: Request for Disclosure of Confidential Grand Jury Proceedings

Dear Board Chair and Directors:

This Judge has received a letter dated July 28, 2026, from the Board of Directors and Board Chair of the Chester Public Utility District requesting information concerning the 2024-2025 Plumas County Grand Jury Report and a possible investigation of the Chester Public Utility District. I also note copies of your letter were also forwarded to the Chair of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors Mimi Hall and Plumas County District Attorney David Hollister.

As succinctly stated in the August 19th letter from the Plumas County District Attorney, pursuant to California Penal Code §933, the only disclosure or publication of any Grand Jury's discussions, votes, investigations or any other topics is that which is contained in their Final Report. Also, as stated by the District Attorney, any investigation, discussion, or votes on items which have not been approved for the Grand Jury's final report are also not subject to disclosure nor publication in any manner under the clear and unequivocal statutory mandate. The importance of that requirement of confidentiality and nondisclosure is so unequivocal that the California legislature has even stated that any such disclosure or publication can result in a criminal prosecution pursuant to Penal Code sections 924.1 and 924.2.

Accordingly, this Court must deny your request in its entirety.

Respectfully yours,

DOUGLAS M. PROUTY