CHESTER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
P.O. Box 503., Chester, CA 96020 • (530) 258-2171 • www.chesterpud.org

July 28, 2026

VIA U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Douglas Prouty
Presiding Judge, Plumas County Superior Court
520 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971

Re: 2024–2025 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury — Status of Investigation Concerning Chester Public Utility District

Dear Presiding Judge Prouty:

The Board of Directors of Chester Public Utility District (CPUD) writes respectfully to seek information regarding the 2024–2025 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury and its work concerning our District. We do so in the interest of good governance and transparency to the approximately 2,100 ratepayers we serve.

District staff and a former District staff member participated in Grand Jury interviews during the 2024–2025 term. Public statements by members of that Grand Jury, made in open session and reported by local media, indicate that the Grand Jury completed an investigation of CPUD and prepared a report concerning it. The published 2024–2025 final report does not contain that investigation.

As the judicial officer who receives Grand Jury reports prior to publication under California Penal Code section 929, you are uniquely positioned to clarify the status of any such report. We therefore respectfully ask:

1. Whether a report or draft report concerning Chester Public Utility District was prepared by the 2024–2025 Grand Jury and submitted to you as Presiding Judge;
2. If so, the current status of that submission; and
3. Whether there exists any lawful process by which CPUD, as the public agency that was the subject of the investigation, may receive the findings and recommendations — even in

summary form — so that the District may respond as contemplated by Penal Code section 933.

We wish to be clear that the District does not seek to circumvent the confidentiality that governs Grand Jury deliberations, nor to question the integrity of the court or the Grand Jury process. We seek only the transparency that the law makes available to a public agency that cooperated fully with an investigation and that bears ongoing accountability to its ratepayers. If findings concerning CPUD exist, we are committed to receiving and acting upon them through whatever lawful channel is available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

_____
Stephen Graffweg, Board Chair

_____
Kimberly Green, Director

_____
Rick Paulsen, Director

_____
Tami Tharpe, Director

_____
Justin Bottini, Director

cc:

David Hollister, District Attorney, Plumas County
Prentice Long PC, District Counsel
Bonnie Mullaney, General Manager, CPUD