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VIA U.S. MAIL

Mr. Donald Bliss, Foreperson
2024–2025 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury
c/o Plumas County Superior Court
520 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971

Re: 2024–2025 Grand Jury Investigation Concerning Chester Public Utility District

Dear Mr. Bliss:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Chester Public Utility District (CPUD), we write respectfully regarding the 2024–2025 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury's work concerning our District. The Board acts here in the interest of good governance and transparency to the ratepayers we serve.

District personnel participated in Grand Jury interviews during the 2024–2025 term, and members of the Grand Jury have stated publicly, in open session, that the jury completed an investigation of CPUD that was described as a significant part of its work. The published final report does not include that investigation. We are seeking to understand, to the extent you are lawfully permitted to share, what became of it.

Recognizing the confidentiality obligations that bind Grand Jurors under California law, and asking nothing that would require you to breach them, we respectfully inquire:

1. Whether the 2024–2025 Grand Jury completed an investigation and prepared a report concerning Chester Public Utility District;
2. Whether that report was presented to the Grand Jury for the vote required to approve it for publication; and
3. If such a vote was taken, its outcome — including the number of members voting in favor — to the extent disclosure is permitted.

We ask these questions not to challenge the Grand Jury's independence, which we respect, but because CPUD is entitled under Penal Code section 933 to receive and respond to findings directed at it and cannot do so if it does not know whether such findings exist. We are grateful for the public service that you and your fellow jurors rendered, and for any clarification you are able to provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

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Stephen Graffweg, Board Chair

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Kimberly Green, Director

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Rick Paulsen, Director

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