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The Honorable Douglas Prouty
Presiding Judge, Plumas Superior Court
520 Main Street, Room 304
Quincy, CA 95971

RE: Response from the City of Portola to the Findings and Recommendations in the 2018-2019 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury Portola Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Report

Dear Honorable Judge Prouty:

The City of Portola has received and reviewed the 2018-2019 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury Portola Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Report. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, the City is responding to the Findings F1-3 and Recommendations R1 in the Civil Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS:

F1. The Civil Grand Jury finds that recruiting 12 to 15 qualified volunteers to re-establish the City of Portola's Volunteer Fire Department would be a very difficult task.

The City of Portola agrees with Finding F1.

F2. The Civil Grand Jury finds that the financial cost to the City of Portola to re-establish and operate the Portola Volunteer Fire Department with a paid Fire Chief is not cost effective for the City.

The City of Portola agrees with Finding F2.

F3. The Civil Grand Jury finds that the City of Portola officials interviewed are satisfied with the fire and EMS coverage the City of Portola is currently receiving from the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire.

The City of Portola agrees with Finding F3.

RECOMMENDATION:

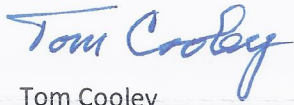
R1. The 2018-2019 Plumas County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Portola City Council and the Board of Directors for the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for mutual fire and EMS coverage when the current contract expires on June 30, 2020.

Recommendation R1 has not yet been implemented by the City of Portola. However, the City intends to negotiate with Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District for a Joint Powers Agreement for mutual fire and EMS coverage to take effect when the current contract expires

on June 30, 2020. The City intends to begin negotiations with Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District prior to the expiration of the current agreement on June 30, 2020.

The City of Portola appreciates the work of the Plumas County Civil Grand Jury and the opportunity to provide this response.

Sincerely,



Tom Cooley
Mayor

cc: Civil Grand Jury