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The Honorable F. Dana Walton
Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
P.O. Box 28
Mariposa, CA 95338

Re: Response to Mariposa County 2019-2020 Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Judge Walton:

I am in receipt of the 2019-2020 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c), this shall serve as a response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations regarding the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Facility inspection tour.

I appreciate the Grand Jury's interest in touring the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Facility and their interest in learning more about the mission and many functions of the Animal Control Unit.

Our three full-time animal control officers (currently two officers due to a recent retirement) responded to 3,156 animal control calls for service during the 2019 year, which equates to approximately 9 calls per day. In addition, the officers also maintain a kennel for small animals and also offsite locations for larger animals, while caring for those animals under our control.

Regarding the Grand Jury's Finding F-1 and the Grand Jury's R-1, Yes, I agree with the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

Sheriff's Office staff have been researching alternatives to our current Animal Control Facility. Specifically a facility and location that may be better serving, more cost efficient, while continuing to be convenient to the public. This research includes building type, such as a purpose built metal type building, and building/parcel locations. The Mariposa County Public Works Department has also assisted our staff with the identifying of and examining currently owned county parcels that may serve well. However, to date, we have not yet identified a county owned parcel that either could support our needs and/or be better serving to the public. This research continues.

We do agree that an affordable, purpose built Animal Control office and kenneling facility on county land, or even a newly purchased parcel, would be beneficial.

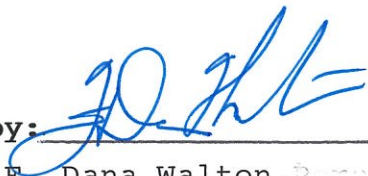

I would like to take this opportunity to publically recognize the many fine members of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Unit for their continued dedication and professional work.

I also wish to thank the members of the 2019-2020 Grand Jury for their willingness to serve and I appreciate their sincere interest, comments and support.

Respectfully submitted,


Doug Binnewies

CC: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Reviewed by: 
Honorable F. Dana Walton, 
Per PC933

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