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The Honorable Stephanie Hulse
Judge of the Superior Court
c/o Office of the County Counsel
Attention: Sandra Ontiveros
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RE: Response to 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report – “Monterey Fire Department: Overdue for Overhaul”

Honorable Judge Hulse:

This correspondence serves as the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors (Board) response to the 2023-2024 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report titled “Monterey Fire Department: Overdue for Overhaul.”

As requested via letter dated May 13, 2024 from the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, enclosed please find the Board’s response to Finding F15 and Recommendation R15 to the referenced FY 2023-2024 Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



Please find below the Monterey County Board of Supervisors' ("Respondent") response to the 2023-24 Civil Grand Jury report entitled, **Monterey Fire Department: Overdue for Overhaul.**

Finding

F15. The Monterey Fire Department (MFD) currently relies on an outdated two-tone paging system for alerts. Upgrading to a modern Fire Station Alerting system would enhance response times for multi-station emergency calls and bolster public safety.

Response to F1: The Respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendation

R15. The City of Monterey and MFD Administration collaborate with the County of Monterey to implement a plan and timeline for upgrading to a modern Fire Station Alert system by December 31, 2024.

Response to R15: The recommendation requires further analysis. The County of Monterey Emergency Communications Department (ECD) is working toward implementing Fire Station Alerting for all Monterey County fire departments that it provides service to within the current fiscal year (FY 2024-25). The Fire Chiefs Association has assigned a project manager from the City of Monterey Fire Department to this project. ECD anticipates that this item will be submitted to the ECD Operations Board by MFD in August 2024 and the ECD Executive Board in September 2024. As the project timeline progresses, ECD will provide an update to the Board of Supervisors no later than December 31, 2024.