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RE: 2018-2019 Yolo County Grand Jury Report: Flood Management in the Urban Environment – Yolo LAFCo and the Role of Reclamation Districts 537 and 900 within the City of West Sacramento

Honorable Judge Reed:

The following is the response to the findings and recommendations in the 2018-2019 Yolo County Grand Jury Report titled, “Flood Management in the Urban Environment – Yolo LAFCo and the Role of Reclamation Districts 537 and 900 within the City of West Sacramento” from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

F13 Although Yolo County had flood issue committees or working groups in the past, the County has no such active committees now.

Response: We disagree wholly with the finding. There are multiple active stakeholder flood protection committees presently (see list below in response to R7), however, they are focused on specific flood basins as opposed to the entire county.

R7 By January 1, 2020, the Board of Supervisors should lead the creation of a multi-agency and stakeholder flood committee or working group to facilitate collaboration among all Yolo County communities on all flood topics, plan for global warming flood changes, and present these discussions to the citizens. Since two Yolo County Supervisors are YLAFCo commissioners, those supervisors should present the formation of this committee to the full board.

Response: The recommendation requires further analysis. This year, Yolo County reinitiated FloodSAFE Yolo 2.0, a coordinated comprehensive flood management planning effort for the west side of the county. One of the goals is to establish a

sustainable governance structure. Once that is established, it may offer an opportunity for greater coordination, but for now, it is the desire of the parties involved to start with a smaller area and demonstrate success before expanding. Should, however, the cities express interest in a countywide approach in the near term, the County stands ready to participate. Meanwhile, many agencies and stakeholders in Yolo County, including the County, participate in the following flood coordination groups:

- [Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management](#) (Lake, Solano, Napa and Yolo counties with Yolo County chairing the effort)
- [Lower-Sacramento/Delta North Regional Flood Management Planning Group](#) (Yolo and Solano counties, Reclamation District 2068/2098, WSAFCA, SAFCA, Solano County Water Agency)
- [Central Valley Flood Control Association](#) (50+ reclamation districts, 6 counties and 4 flood control agencies; Yolo County holds a seat on the Board)
- [Central Valley Ag Floodplain Task Force Executive Committee](#)
- [Water Resources Association of Yolo County](#) (County, all cities within Yolo County and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation)