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Honorable Stan Eller
Advising Judge to the Grand Jury
Superior Court of California, Mono County
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Re: Town of Mammoth Lakes Response to the 2011-2012 Grand Jury Report
Mammoth Yosemite Airport

Dear Judge Eller:

This letter is in response to the Mono County Grand Jury for the Year 2011-2012, Investigation #11-02, Mammoth Yosemite Airport, Final Report by Grand Jury Investigative Committee. We apologize for not responding until now as we had not received a copy of the report and only became aware of it recently.

The 2011-2012 Grand Jury Report includes findings regarding the Airport and Town's budgeting process and its transparency to the public. It also included findings on the public's ability to access the budget. The Town does not disagree with the findings, but feels that all have been effectively addressed since the report had been issued. The Town's formal response to the Grand Jury's Recommendations follows, with a discussion of the specific actions taken to address the report's findings.

Recommendation #1: The Town Council should re-evaluate the Airport Manager Position to determine appropriate job description, salary, responsibilities, and budget accountability to maximize effectiveness and efficiency.

Action: This recommendation has been implemented: The position of the Airport Manager has been eliminated, and the airport has become a division of the Public Works and Transportation Department under the oversight of the Public Works and Transportation Director. This consolidation allows for a more efficient use of the Town's limited resources and better coordination between Airport and Transportation.

Recommendation #2: The Town Council, Town Manager, and Airport Manager should continue to ensure transparency and ready accessibility of the Airport budget to the members of the Airport Commission and the public. This is essential to clarifying the budgeting process and avoiding misperceptions and misunderstandings.

Action: This recommendation has been implemented: The Town has implemented measures that have already produced results in ensuring that the entire budgeting process is transparent and the budgets are understandable to all members of the public. The process has been Town-wide and includes the Airport budget. Please refer to the Fiscal Year 12-13 Budget on the Town's website at: www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/.

Recommendation #3: The Town Manager should evaluate how to better share manpower and equipment to reduce and coordinate Airport Staffing and Equipment costs within the Town's Public Works Department.

Action: This recommendation has been implemented: The Airport is now part of the Public Works and Transportation Department. As a result, opportunities to share manpower and equipment to increase efficiency and reduce costs are already being taken advantage of. As an example: the Public Works and Transportation department has a shared maintenance position in the budget. The position will be utilized primarily at the airport during the winter months and in town for road maintenance projects during the non-winter months.

Recommendation #4: The Town Manager should continue his commendable efforts to 1) formalize the Airport Commission Meetings and 2) to work towards updating the Town's antiquated IT and accounting hardware and software:

Action: This recommendation has been implemented: 1) The Airport Commission was eliminated as a cost savings measure for the Town. Matters that used to go to the Airport Commission now go before the Planning Commission and/or Town Council as appropriate. 2) The Town is in the process of improving its IT services and infrastructure, including hardware and software. Currently, efforts are being made to contract for IT services with Mono County. Once this happens, hopefully by July, the Town will move forward with the update and replacement of its systems, including accounting software. The Town has committed funds to this effort.

The Town welcomes and appreciates the Grand Jury's interest in the Airport and Town's budgeting process. The Town is confident that this letter effectively addresses any concerns raised in the 2011-2012 Mono County Grand Jury Report.

Very truly yours,



Matthew Lehman, Mayor
Town of Mammoth Lakes

cc: Members of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council