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Honorable Xapuri B. Villapudua, Presiding Judge
San Joaquin County Superior Court
180 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 1306J
Stockton, CA 95202

**CITY OF STOCKTON RESPONSE TO SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GRAND JURY 2019-
2020 CASE NO. 0519 – ILLEGAL DUMPING: TALKING TRASH**

The City of Stockton received the Grand Jury Report on August 20, 2020, regarding findings and recommendations related to Illegal Dumping. In general, the City agrees with the findings and is providing additional information in the below responses to the findings and recommendations.

In accordance with Sections 933 and 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the City Council of the City of Stockton offers the following responses to the Grand Jury Report on the above-referenced case. As referenced under *Response Requirements*, the Stockton City Council is responding to the applicable Findings and Recommendations contained in the Grand Jury Report.

Findings:

F4 *San Joaquin County Public Works Department, Sheriff's Office, Community Development Department, District Attorney's Office, and all city departments within the county are not working collaboratively to address the illegal dumping problems.*

RESPONSE:

The City agrees with this finding.

F5 *San Joaquin County and the City of Stockton are not working together to share in the cost of illegal dumping cleanup.*

RESPONSE:

The City agrees with this finding. The City assumes costs where appropriate for removal of garbage, junk, and debris within the city limits only.

F6 *Free drop-off services are underutilized because the public is unaware of most of the programs offered.*

RESPONSE:

The City partially agrees with this finding. The City provides some outreach regarding available free disposal programs and/or events such as [Clean Sweep](#).

F7 *San Joaquin County and the City of Stockton do not have a robust referral system for sharing reports of illegal dumping irrespective of jurisdiction.*

RESPONSE:

The City agrees with this finding.

F8 *Effective cleanup incentives such as disposal vouchers, fee waivers, and recycling coupons have proven effective in reducing the likelihood of illegal dumping.*

RESPONSE:

The City is neutral to this finding. The City does not have data to support or refute success with a cleanup incentive program.

Recommendations:

R4 *By November 30, 2020, create an illegal dumping task force (Task Force) that includes representatives from San Joaquin County Public Works Department, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Community Development, and all cities within the County to participate in the Task Force. This Task Force meet regularly throughout the year.*

RESPONSE:

Upon convening of such a task force by San Joaquin County, the City will provide an appropriate representative(s).

R5 *By December 31, 2020, the newly formed Task Force develop a plan to share costs for illegal dumping pickup throughout the County and the City of Stockton.*

RESPONSE:

The City will participate on the task force to include the assessment of possible cost-sharing opportunities.

R6 *By January 31, 2021, the Task Force develop and implement a county-wide educational program including billboards, buses, and bus stop shelters advertising to include information about free drop-off services.*

RESPONSE:

The City will participate on the task force, to include assessment of educational programming.

R7 *By January 31, 2021, the Task Force create a referral system to notify the appropriate jurisdictions of illegal dumping. This referral system [will] include a complaint-recording data log with follow-up measures.*

RESPONSE:

The City will participate on the task force, to include the exploration of a shared referral/tracking system.

R8 *By January 31, 2021, the Task Force develop a written plan to establish an equitable way to fund and issue vouchers, fee waivers, and recycling coupons.*

RESPONSE:

The City will participate on the task force, to include identification and assessment of equitable funding opportunities for vouchers, fee waivers, and recycling coupons.

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