August 20, 2013

Honorable David P. Warner, Presiding Judge  
San Joaquin County Superior Court  
PO Box 201022  
Stockton, CA 95202


Honorable David P. Warner:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, this letter is to inform you that the City Council of the City of Lathrop reviewed the above referenced Grand Jury Report and directed me to write this letter of response on their behalf at their regular meeting of August 19, 2013.

FINDING AND RESPONSE:

Finding F2.1: The Surplus property policy has no reference to compliance with Government Code Section 54220 et seq.

Response: Agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSE:

Recommendation R2.1: No later than September 30, 2013 the City adopt a policy for disposition of surplus land and buildings to include when appraisals are to be conducted, required compliance with Government Code Section 54220 et seq., and a prior public disclosure of the proposed sale.

Response: The City of Lathrop’s existing policy complies with Government Code Section 54220 et seq. and all other laws regulating disposition of surplus land and buildings. Council does not consider it necessary to adopt a new policy.
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Recommendation R2.2: Before any future disposal of land or buildings is finalized a report is provided to City Council in open session that includes the purpose of the sale; evidence of compliance with applicable state laws; the full identity of the purchaser; the total sale price; and, if the sale price is less than the appraised value, the reason for the difference.

Response: The City’s Policy regarding disposition of surplus assets meets the requirements of state law and council does not consider it necessary to revise its policy.

Very truly yours,

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City Attorney

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