

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSES TO

2021 Nevada County Civil Grand Jury Report

FLEET MAINTENANCE: Are citizens' dollars being spent efficiently and effectively?

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In accordance with California Penal Code § 933.05(b), the Nevada County Board of Supervisors is responding to the Nevada County Civil Grand Jury FY 2020/21 Report entitled *FLEET MAINTENANCE: Are citizens' dollars being spent efficiently and effectively?* The responses to findings and recommendations are based on examination of official county records, review of the responses by the County Executive Officer, County Counsel and representatives or testimony of the Board of Supervisors and County staff.

A. RESPONSES TO RECOMENDATIONS

R1: Nevada County, Grass Valley, Nevada City and the Town of Truckee should consider developing strategic plans for implementing alternative fuel vehicles.

This recommendation has been implemented.

Nevada County currently has strategic plans for implementing alternative fuel vehicles for portions of our County Fleet including the Sheriff and Transit Fleets. Specifically, our plan is to replace all new Sheriff interceptors with hybrid Ford Explorers model year 2021. Additionally, all busses in our Transit Fleet are planned to be replaced with electric models by the end of 2025. Several electric buses and the associated infrastructure are already ordered, and improvements are programmed in the County Public Works Capital Improvement Plan.

While the general fleet already includes 15 hybrids and electric vehicles, the rest of the fleet will be eventually evaluated as the need for replacement develops and infrastructure is compatible.

R7: Nevada County, Grass Valley, Nevada City and the Town of Truckee should consider sharing maintenance operations where feasible.

This recommendation has been implemented.

Nevada County has in the past considered shared maintenance operations where feasible and already does participate in shared maintenance operations for snow removal operations with the Town of Truckee and Placer County. Wherever efficiencies can be gained, Nevada County is interested in any additional shared maintenance operation opportunities.