

J. CAO Response Letters (2007/2008 Final Report)

J-1. Defensible Space Inspections



COUNTY OF ALPINE
County Administrative Office

Pamela Knorr, County Administrative Officer

April 14, 2009

Alpine County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 518
Markleeville, CA 96120

RE: Grand Jury inquiry regarding Defensible Space Inspections

Dear Mr. Allert,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the status of the Defensible Space Inspections in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Continuity Report.

Please be advised that the County received the Defensible Space Report from Lake Valley Fire and the summary report attached hereto.

In preparing for this year's defensible space inspections, the County conducted research regarding the authority to conduct defensible space inspections and enforce defensible space citations, it has been determined (and verified with Cal Fire) that CalFire is the agency solely responsible for conducting defensible space inspections and has the enforcement authority for defensible space citations.

In light of this development, no best practice report was developed. Cal Fire will be provided with the defensible space data and findings from 2008 and will assume the defensible space inspections for the 2009 fire season.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

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J-2. Kirkwood "Fair Share"



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RE: Grand Jury inquiry regarding Kirkwood Fair Share

Dear Mr. Allert,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the status of the Kirkwood Fair Share component of the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Continuity Report.

Your inquiry extends outside the scope of the 2008 Grand Jury Report, therefore my response will only address the steps that have been taken as outlined in the response to the 2008 Grand Jury.

Please be advised that in December 2008 the County obtained a quote to determine the cost of a study. The estimated cost of an independent study was estimated at \$37,000.00. Due to the current fiscal challenges, the County is still assessing revenue and expenses to determine if funds are available for the study.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

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J-3. Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park



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RE: Grand Jury inquiry regarding Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park

Dear Mr. Allert,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the status of the Sierra Pine Mobile Home Park in conjunction with the 2008-2009 Grand Jury Continuity Report.

Please be advised that the County has been informed that the Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park has recently been placed in receivership by the Alpine County Superior Court.

The Alpine County Environmental Health and Public Health departments have been continually monitoring the situation at Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park. The County has been informed that maintenance of the sewer and water systems are taking place and that significant strides have been made to rectify any health and safety concerns, including an inspection of the sewer system which was conducted on March 16, 2009.

At this time, both the Environmental and Public Health departments are encouraged with the improvements that have been made at Sierra Pines Mobile Home Park and will continue to monitor any health and safety issues at the park.

Regards,

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