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Board of Supervisor's response to Grand Jury Report 2010-PW-01.

Finding 1:

In this case there was a lack by the County Planning Department to refer the concerned neighbors to other appropriate agencies that may not have been included in a County review process (such as the North Coast Quality Control Board).

Recommendation 1:

When it becomes known to the County that a neighbor has concerns that may not be included in a County review process, the County should—in a timely manner—direct the neighbor to contact other appropriate agencies.

Proposed Board of Supervisors Responses to F.1. and R.1:

The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with the finding and will not implement the recommendation as the finding and recommendation are outside the County's scope of work.

It is a professional courtesy of the Planning Division to explain the roles of regulatory agencies, when asked; however, the Planning Division's cannot be held responsible to provide referrals to State agencies which are not involved in the County permit process at all times. To do so would require development of new processes (and expenditure of time and funds) specifically to double-check a referral that is outside the scope of the Division's work.

Finding 2:

Humboldt County is to be compensated for processing the zoning change stated under "Source of Funding" in 11/25/08 Report to Board of Supervisors "Costs for processing the application are covered by the US Forest Service". (The account used BY the county is called the "General Plan Policy & Ordinance Integration" account which is part of a larger account covered by Public Law 106-393 (HR2389), "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 200).

Recommendation 2:

To better understand the reimbursement of project costs an explanation is needed as to how the public can review ongoing use of "The General Plan Policy & Ordinance Integration" account (including the names of the department to contact where account appears in overall County expenses and /or budget accounts). The public should be advised where it can see specific project costs applied in a County expense report.

Proposed Board of Supervisors Responses to F.2. and R.2:

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding and recommendation as this recommendation is already in practice.

The General Plan Policy & Ordinance Integration account's use of Title III funds is allocated during public hearings and thereby accessible to the public. The Board receives updates from Community Development Services and County Administrative Office staff on Title III – Secure Rural School funds in the form of agenda items. These agenda items are public information and can be found on the County website. Further, department budget allocations are adopted during the annual budget process, which is subject to public hearings. The County budget can be found on the County's website.