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The Honorable Alicia Ekland, Presiding Judge
Superior Court, County of Glenn
526 West Sycamore Street Willows, CA 95988

Subject: Response to FY23-24 Grand Jury Report – Cyber Security and disaster Preparedness

Dear Judge Ekland:

The Orland City Council appreciates the work of the Grand Jury and responds as requested to the final report as follows:

Finding #1 We agree with this Finding as it may apply to Orland and are operating consistently with the Recommendation (continuing diligence and employee training).

Finding #2: Orland is not a District, but as a government agency it does agree with the finding that cyber security training should be offered more than once per year, and thus we employ real-time testing and feedback for employees throughout the year, consistent with the Recommendation.

Finding #3: We agree with the finding and the Recommendation that to consolidate under the same umbrella by June 2025 is an ideal objective. We are exploring with our main provider and the provider for our two sub-operational departments how best to coordinate and consolidate cyber systems. This will no doubt result in cost increases as the sub-provider has been serving the City at below market rates.

It appears at this time that we can and will bring the Fire Department into the consolidated IT services umbrella this fiscal year, but the Library has unique features (i.e., public access computers and multi-jurisdictional branches) that make it infeasible to do so, practically and financially. The Library is only connected to the City through cloud-based email, so there is not any risk that a security breach at the Library could harm the City's system. We will continue to monitor this situation for opportunities to consolidate in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Dobbs
Mayor