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October 20, 2026

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of the City's Response to the 2025–26 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury Report, "Emergency Preparedness: The Role of Local Law Enforcement Agencies," and Authorize the Mayor to Sign

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approve the City's response to the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury report and authorize the Mayor to sign the response on behalf of the City Council.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In June 2026, the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury issued its report on emergency preparedness among the five Humboldt County cities with municipal police departments, including Rio Dell. Under Penal Code section 933, the City Council must respond to each applicable Finding and Recommendation to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

The attached response, prepared by staff with the Police Chief and reviewed by the City Attorney, addresses Findings F1–F9 and Recommendations R2, R3, R7, R8, and R9 using the response categories required by Penal Code section 933.05. It also corrects the report's characterization of the City's Emergency Operations Plan and notes that an updated plan is in progress.

An Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Councilmember Wilson convened and recommended the report be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None associated with approving the response.

ATTACHMENT

City of Rio Dell Response to the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury Report
"Emergency Preparedness: The Role of Local Law Enforcement Agencies,"

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