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# **Yuba County Resurfacing Plumas Lake Streets**

## **Summary:**

The Yuba County Grand Jury investigated the Yuba County Public Works Department concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. The Grand Jury learned that the Yuba County Public Works Director, Assistant Director, and project managers followed State mandated processes in the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets.

## **Introduction and Background:**

The Grand Jury investigation of the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets was initiated by citizen's complaints. The Grand Jury is not required to conduct an investigation, but decided to do so in this case. The Grand Jury investigation of the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets started with interviews with the Yuba County Public Works Director, Assistant Director, and project managers, concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. A thorough investigation concerning the citizen's complaints included a site visit, interviews with Yuba County Public Works Director, Assistant Director, project managers and review of numerous documents concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets.

## **Methodology and Approach:**

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation and conducted interviews concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. Grand Jury members also completed a site visit. The Grand Jury conducted interviews with the Yuba County Public Works Director, Assistant Director, and project managers concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. The Yuba County Public Works were very cooperative and expeditious in providing requested documents to the Grand Jury. However, a project completion report has not been received from the Yuba County Public Works Department.

## **Documents:**

- Notice to Bidders, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract, and 2013 Micro-surfacing Various Roads Contract No. 2013-4257 dated July 12, 2013 (*Provided by the Yuba County Public Works Department*)
- Bid Book, Proposal To The County of Yuba Contract No. 2013-4257 (*Provided by the Yuba County Public Works Department*)
- Pavement Option Curve, Pavement Condition Index (*Provided by the Yuba County Public Works Department*)
- Bid Tabulation Summary Sheet Contract No. 2013-4257 (*Provided by the Yuba County Public Works Department*)
- Residential Resurfacing Project 2011 and 2013, Project Layout Index, City of Yuba City (*Provided by the Yuba County Public Works Department*)

- California Bids Standards <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=pcc>
- California State and Local Governments format [www.governmentbids.com](http://www.governmentbids.com)

**Site visits:** The Grand Jury conducted site visits to the streets that were re-surfaced at Plumas Lake. Site visits were also conducted by the Grand Jury to Yuba County offices for interviews and information gathering.

**Interviews:** The Grand Jury conducted detailed interviews with the Yuba County Public Works Director, Assistant Director, and project managers concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. Interviews were also conducted with residents of the Plumas Lake area.

**Discussion and Narrative:** The Grand Jury conducted an investigation and concluded that all policies and State guidelines were followed by the Yuba County Public Works concerning the resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets. The Yuba County Public Works staff followed the State mandated criteria. The Grand Jury learned that the source of funding for the recent resurfacing of Plumas Lake came from approximately 90-95% County Service Area (CSA) assessment and 5-10% of Yuba County funds. During the investigation, the Grand Jury found that the contractor selected for the resurfacing was selected through the Public Bid Standard as required.

The Grand Jury found that the Yuba County Public Works did not adequately educate, or communicate with the public about resurfacing requirements, or provide an estimated completion date. At the time of writing this report, the Yuba County Public Works has not provided a requested completion date to the Grand Jury. Yuba County Public Works also relies on the county residents to identify areas that require maintenance. County residents are encouraged to notify the Yuba County Public Works Department of street maintenance needs.

## **Findings:**

The Grand Jury finds the following:

- F1. The source of funding for the recent resurfacing of Plumas Lake came from approximately 90-95% CSA Assessment and 5-10% of Yuba County funds.
- F2. The contractor selected for the resurfacing was selected through the Public Bid Standard as required.
- F3. The Yuba County Public Works Department did not adequately educate, or communicate with the public about resurfacing requirements, nor did they provide an estimated completion time.

- F4. County residents as well as Plumas Lake residents are requested to report street maintenance needs to the Yuba County Public Works.

**Recommendations:**

The Grand Jury recommends that:

- R1. Yuba County Public Works maintain the source of funding for the future resurfacing of Plumas Lake streets.
- R2. Yuba County Public Works maintain the process for contractor selection for the resurfacing through the Public Bid Standard as required.
- R3. The Yuba County Public Works Department better educate and inform the public through public meetings in Plumas Lake as well as throughout Yuba County regarding paving and resurfacing requirements, and provide an estimated project completion time.

**Request for Responses:**

Pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05, the Grand Jury requests responses as follows:

- Yuba County Public Works Director

The governing bodies indicated above should be aware that the comment or response of the governing body must be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 933(c) and subject to the notice, agenda and open meeting requirements of the Brown Act.