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- R4.** CCSD should make a good faith and thorough effort, by June 30, 2020, to identify and recreate the records of collected but unspent Quimby Act funds that were lost due to the 2015 fire and inform its constituents of that effort.

2018-2019 RESPONSES

The Cosumnes Community Services District provided responses to the findings and recommendations on September 19, 2019, in compliance with PC Section 933 and PC Section 933.05.

- R1. This recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by June 30, 2020.*
- R2. This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted.*
- R3. This recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by June 30, 2020.*
- R4. This recommendation has been partially implemented and will be completed by June 30, 2020.*

3. Does the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Have Effective Oversight of Elective Officers?

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION

Due to multiple local media outlets stories and public debates, the 2018-2019 Sacramento County Grand Jury initiated an investigation regarding the nature of oversight by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors regarding all three County Elected Officers: Assessor, District Attorney (DA) and Sheriff.

2018-2019 FINDINGS

- F1.** Sacramento County based oversight of the DA and Sheriff is inadequate given the potential impact their policies and action could have on the communities they serve. Opportunities exist to improve understanding, tolerance and trust between all parties.
- F2.** Prior BOS Inspector General contractual provisions have provided limited success in addressing the issue of oversight, resulting in a lack of accountability and transparency.

2018-2019 RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1.** The BOS should initiate action to create a Sacramento County oversight commission with responsibilities pertaining to the DA and Sheriff. This recommendation should be accomplished by December 31, 2019.

- R2.** The BOS should complete action to reinstitute the IG function and office with accompanying Memorandum of Understanding (contract with the DA and Sheriff) mandating all work with the commission. This recommendation should be accomplished by December 31, 2019.

2018-2019 RESPONSES

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (BOS) provided responses to the findings and the recommendations R1 and R2 in compliance with PC Section 933. The BOS responses were not in compliance of PC Section 933.05. R1 does not explain the reason the recommendation will not be implemented and R2 does not specify a time frame for reinstating the Inspector General's (IG) role.

- R1. This recommendation will not be implemented.*

- R2. The oversight recommendation will not be implemented, but reinstating the IG function will be implemented.*

4. Levee Maintenance-Is Anybody Watching the Store?

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION

The 2018-2019 Sacramento County Grand Jury investigated flood protection measures in place to protect the Sacramento region during high water events, due to an unacceptable rating by one of the Local Maintaining Agencies. The investigation focused on 1) levee maintenance and its relationship to flood protection, and 2) whether it is reasonable for residents of Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento to assume that there are standards, policies and guidance in place to assure that levees will provide the expected protection when needed.

2018-2019 FINDINGS

- F1.** There is a well-defined set of checks and balances within the hierarchy of federal, State and local agencies to assure that the levees in the region will provide their expected level of protection during high water events.

- F2.** LMAs act timely and responsibly to coordinate maintenance within the hierarchy of authority and assure proactive preventive measures are in place until deficiencies can be corrected through permanent measures, such as the Urban Level of Flood Protection plans.

2018-2019 RESPONSES

Sacramento City Manager provided responses to findings on September 25, 2019, in accordance with PC Section 933 and PC Section 933.05. There were no Grand Jury recommendations in regard to the investigation.

F1. The Sacramento City Manager is in agreement with this finding.

F2. The Sacramento City Manager is in agreement with this finding.

5. Los Rios Community College School District’s Student Achievement Challenge: The Premise and the Promise

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION

Perhaps the most important challenge facing the California Community College system generally, and the Los Rios Community College District specifically, is that most community college students never achieve a defined end goal. At last count, only 48 percent of students who entered a California Community College (CCC) left with a degree, certificate, or transferred *after six years*. Even this rate is overstated: CCC students earning less than 6 units or students who did not attempt a Math or English course within three years are not counted in this calculation. Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD) overall and its four separate campuses approximate the state’s 48 percent average, with the following achievement rates through 2017-2018, forming the premise for our report:

- Folsom Lake College - 50%
- Sacramento City College - 48%
- American River College - 42.5%
- Cosumnes River College - 41.5%

2018-2019 FINDINGS

- F1.** LRCCD administration and faculty are committed to improving student achievement rates and related goals encompassed within State Legislation, California’s Community College *Vision for Success*, and State Chancellor’s directives.