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REDBUD HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

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Honorable Richard C. Martin
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Superior Court of California
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Subject: Response to 2009-2010 Grand Jury Final Report

Pursuant to the provisions of Penal Code 933, subd. (c) and Penal Code 933.05, enclosed is the Redbud Health Care District (RHCD) Board of Directors response to the Findings and Recommendations to the "Redbud Health Care District Oversight" section of the 2009-2010 Lake County Jury Final Report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Eckhardt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Eckhardt, President
Board of Directors
Redbud Health Care District

**Redbud Health Care District (RHCD)
Response to 2009-2010 Grand Jury
Health and Human Services Committee Report**

Discussed below are the RHCD Board of Directors responses to the Health and Human Services Committee Recommendations.

Recommendations:

R 1. Advertise funds are available for grants.

Response: Since 1997 the funding amounts requested for grants have usually exceeded the amount of budgeted funding available. This has been especially true the last couple of years. Normal sources of grants for non-profit organizations have been reduced due to the economy. This has resulted in ever increasing requests for more funding from RHCD. At the same time property tax funds available to RHCD from Lake County have been reduced due to lower property tax rates, foreclosures, etc. As a result, the Board has not seen a need to advertise funds are available. However, should things change, the Board will certainly consider implementing the Grand Jury recommendation.

R 2. Publish requirements for grants.

Response: The requirements for grants are contained in a complete instruction package approved by legal counsel. The package includes a Request for Assistance (RFA) form, detail instructions as to what needs to be covered in each section of the RFA and a typical Grant Agreement which has to be signed by all parties before funding is provided, if an RFA is approved for funding by RHCD. The package is available at the RHCD office and is sent to any organization requesting it. The Board feels it would be impractical to publish this package; but, the Board makes sure all organizations interested in a grant from RHCD have a package, if they need it.

R 3. Advertise widely for the Board of Directors elections.

Response: It is the responsibility of the Lake County Registrar of Voters Office to advertise for elections including the Board of Directors elections. That Office advertises in the various Lake County newspapers and any other media they feel necessary prior to any regular or special elections. The five RHCD Board members each represent a different area of the District and are up for election on different four year cycles. Any potential candidate for the Board can call the RHCD office to see which area Board members are up for election in a particular election year.

Note: In Finding F8., it is stated that the Board monthly meetings are the fourth Thursday at 10:00 AM. Actually, the monthly meetings are on the fourth *Tuesday* at 9:30 AM.