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Stephen M. Place  
Inyo Superior Court  
PO Box 1508  
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Honorable Presiding Judge,

I am writing in response to the Inyo County Civil Grand Jury final report for 2023-2024 fiscal year titled: Fire and Life Safety Inspections. The board has reviewed the findings and the recommendations below are our response.

### FINDINGS

F1. The record of compliance with California HSC's requirements for annual fire safety inspections in Inyo County has been largely inconsistent over the last five years.

**F1. RESPONSE: Agreed**

F2 Many of the local fire protection districts in Inyo County lack the necessary resources or qualifications to conduct annual fire safety inspections.

**F2. RESPONSE: Agreed**

F3. Special District fire chiefs may delegate the responsibility for conducting fire safety inspections to the Office of the State Fire Marshal (via CalFire), another district chief or employee, or a private firm that provides inspection services.

**F3. RESPONSE: Agreed**

F4. The Boards of Directors of Inyo County's fire protection districts are not in compliance with Health & Safety Code requirements to accept and make public fire safety inspection reports in their districts.

**F4. RESPONSE: Agreed**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

R1. Each fire department, that is not currently in compliance, reaches compliance with the requirements for annual fire safety inspections under sections 13146.2, 13146.3, and 13146.4 of the California Health & Safety Codes no later than December 31, 2024.

**R1. RESPONSE: we are actively complying and should be able to meet the December deadline.**

R2. The Board of Directors of each fire department develops a plan that details how their departments will achieve and maintain compliance with fire safety inspection requirements no later than October 31, 2024, that includes the following: (F1, F4)

**R2. RESPONSE: the Board of Directors is currently developing a plan to achieve and maintain compliance by October 31, 2024.**

R3. The Board of Directors of each fire department receives all fire safety inspection reports at their annual budget meeting. The Board of Directors makes a formal resolution that includes posting inspection reports on the department website or making them available to the public at the fire station no later than October 31, 2024

**R3. RESPONSE: the Board of Directors will receive reports and are ready to make a formal resolution on all fire safety inspections within our district no later than October 31, 2024.**

Sincerely,



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City Administrator