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COUNTY OF SONOMA
PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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August 20, 2007

The Honorable Robert S. Boyd, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Sonoma County
600 Administration Drive, Room 106J
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Honorable Judge Boyd:

The following is my response to recommendation of the 2005-2006 Grand Jury that pertains to the Permit and Resource Management Department.

Report Title: *Signs of the Times*

Recommendation R6 (page 17): *The legality of all billboards in the county should be examined and any illegal billboards should be removed.*

Response: This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented by PRMD for the unincorporated county.

PRMD will work in conjunction with the Sonoma County Assessors office and the Geographical Information Systems Division of the Information Systems Department to identify billboards adjacent to state highways throughout unincorporated county. The identified billboards will be checked for code compliance by comparison with use permit information and historical records. It is anticipated the initial inventory and determination of code compliance will be completed by July 2008. Those billboards found to be not in compliance will be abated per Section 26-94-080 of the Sonoma County Code and in a manner consistent with §5400 *et seq* of the California Business and Professions Code.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Parkinson, AICP
Director

cc: Board of Supervisors
Court Executive Officer
County Administrator
County Clerk