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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Broadband Access in Sonoma County

Report Date: June 20, 2021

Response by: Sheryl Bratton Title: County Administrator

Agency/Department Name: Sonoma County Office of Administration

FINDINGS: F13

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F13

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons.)


RECOMMENDATIONS: R8

Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)

Recommendations numbered: _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

Recommendations numbered: R8 require(s) further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.)

Recommendations numbered: _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 8/19/2021 Signed: 

Number of pages attached: 1
(See attached Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

**County Administrator's Office Response to
" Broadband Access in Sonoma County" Grand Jury Report**

We thank the Grand Jury for review of this important issue.

R8. In the annual budget process the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Office of Administration include evaluation of the costs of laying cable or empty conduit in upcoming infrastructure projects by December 31, 2021.

This recommendation requires further analysis. On June 18, 2021 the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021-22 budget. The next opportunity to allocate funding during the annual budget process will take place in June, 2022. The County Administrator's Office will work with departments to determine if funding is available for "laying cable or empty conduit in upcoming infrastructure projects" and will make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Supervisors through the normal budget hearing process.