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Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: SMART Decision Making
Report Date: June 19, 2022
Response by: Eddy Cumins Title: General Manager
Agency/Department Name: SMART General Manager

FINDINGS: F4, F15, F16, F17

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F4

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: F15 AND F17

F16 - I Lack sufficient historical understanding or personal knowledge to either agree or disagree with finding F16.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS: R9, R10

- Recommendations numbered: _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: R9 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.) **(2023)**
- Recommendations numbered: _____ 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: R10 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: August 31, 2022 Signed: [Signature]
Number of pages attached: _____

Findings:

F15 Disagree – SMART has mitigated the potential for distraction from its primary mission by creating a small but experienced freight unit specifically formed to perform the freight functions and grow the freight business.

F17 Disagree - SMART uses fund accounting, which is considered “accounting best practices” for public entities. Public entity fund accounting (unlike accounting for profit organizations) is a basic principle that governmental entities must follow based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

F16 Neither agree or disagree -- I Lack sufficient historical knowledge or personal knowledge as to what occurred prior to my arrival at SMART to either agree or disagree with finding F16.

Recommendations:

R9 – Will be implemented during SMART’s strategic and budget review in 2023

R10 - Recommendation R10 will not be implemented because it is not warranted.