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SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Report, "Revisiting Orange County Restaurant Food Safety: Improving Placard Visibility for the Public's Best Interest"

On March 6, 2014, the Grand Jury's subject report recommended enhancing Orange County's food inspection notification system by adding the colors of green, yellow and red to indicate a pass, conditional pass and a closure respectively to the inspection placards.

Through discussions at the April 29, 2014 and May 20, 2014 Board meetings, the Health Care Agency (HCA) was directed by your Honorable Board to return with information relating to the implementation and cost of the enhanced notification system and necessary fee adjustment for the notification system and general adjustments to update outdated Environmental Health fees. This information was to be presented to the Board at the July 22, 2014 Board meeting.

HCA is in the process of preparing a thorough response to ensure your Board is provided information necessary to make an informed decision. Because the analysis requires a comprehensive fee study using current cost estimates and revenue projections to determine full cost recovery fee amounts, HCA needs additional time to complete the analysis and needs to defer the presentation of this information until the September 9, 2014 Board meeting.

If you need additional information, please call Denise Fennessy, Director of Environmental Health, at (714) 433-6473.



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