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455 Golden Gate Avenue
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Re: Collection of penalties

Director Theodorovic,

Humboldt County is in receipt of your letter dated April 27, 2023. As I have discussed extensively with your office, the County's position is that the terms of the agreement between the Courts and the County, as well as the intent of the legislature, are such that the County should be permitted to continue collections of the additional fees until such time as the remaining expense associated with the renovation of the Courthouse building has been paid in full.

As stated in my letter of February 16, the County is taking steps to pause the collection of the increased penalties until the results of the pending audit from the State Controller's Office are final. When that report is released in its final form, our office would be happy to discuss next steps with you.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to speaking with your office after receipt of the SCO's final report.

Very Truly Yours,

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
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cc: Humboldt County Office of Revenue Recovery
Humboldt County Administrative Officer
Humboldt County Auditor-Controller