

ANALYSIS OF THE 2001-2002 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT and RESPONSES

The 2001-2002 Grand Jury Final Report contains findings and recommendations concerning various county, city, and other local government entities. The California Penal Code Section 933.05 requires that each agency respond to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations in a specific manner and within a specified time period.

The 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report consists of 14 individual reports that addressed various government entities. The Report was made available to the county libraries, local radio stations, newspapers, and published on the Grand Jury's Web site at www.civilgrandjury.com.

The 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report contains 143 findings and 55 recommendations involving the following entities:

Airport Manager	Information Systems Department
Auditor/Controller	Nevada City Clerk
Board of Supervisors	Nevada City Counsel
County Assessor	Nevada City Engineer
County Counsel	Nevada City Manager
County Executive Officer	Nevada City Planner
Director, Behavioral Health	Nevada County Consumer Protection Division
Director, Community Development Agency	Nevada Joint Union High School District
Director, General Services	Sheriff
Director, Human Services Agency	Town of Truckee
Environmental Health Department	Washington County Water District Board

The 2002-2003 Grand Jury received and reviewed official responses from all required respondents. Most responses arrived within the time period mandated and met the legal requirements of California Penal Code Section 933.

As of October 2002, the responses indicated that of the 55 recommendations made by the Grand Jury, 28 were accepted, 10 were rejected, and 12 remain under study. Five of the recommendations required no response.

The County Executive Officer (CEO), backed by a concurring opinion from the County Counsel, stated in a letter addressed to the Presiding Judge of the Nevada County Courts dated July 12, 2002, that the CEO and non-elected department/agency heads were not required to respond to the Grand Jury reports. The Grand Jury agreed to accept that interpretation. However, in some cases, the responses from the Board of Supervisors included documents they had received from non-elected officials. These documents, although not required, are included in the official responses to the reports.

Copies of all responses received were distributed to the appropriate committees of the 2002-2003 Grand Jury to follow up any unresolved issues.

The Grand Jury wishes to acknowledge all who participated in the research and investigations and thank them for their time and effort. We commend the responders for their promptness and, in many cases, for implementing the Grand Jury's recommendations.