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FINAL REPORT
CASE 0202: FOLLOW-UP ON GRAND JURY REPORTS
FOR 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002

REASON FOR INVESTIGATION:

The San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury (SJCCGJ) prepared investigations and reports for numerous agencies during the years of 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002. Each report included specific recommendations to the respective agency. In compliance with Section 933.05 of the Penal Code, each agency subsequently provided a written response to each of the Grand Jury's recommendations. In some cases the responses indicated that the recommendations were immediately implemented or would be implemented in the near future. The purpose of this investigation was to follow up on those recommendations to determine the status of their implementation and to determine if any further follow-up steps by the Grand Jury may be required. The SJCCGJ considers this follow-up process to be an integral part of the duties required of us under the Penal Code.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

Follow-up letters were sent to each agency for which the implementation of Grand Jury recommendations was pending after receipt of the agency's initial response to the Grand Jury's report. If the agency's initial response demonstrated that the Grand Jury's recommendations had already been implemented, then a follow-up letter was not sent.

Along with the letter, a follow-up report was included. This report identified the agency, the Grand Jury case and report title, the recommendations that were pending, the agency's initial response to the recommendations, and the following three questions:

- *How has the Grand Jury's recommendation been implemented?*
- *If the Grand Jury's recommendation has not been implemented, why not?*
- *What additional steps does the agency plan to take to implement the Grand Jury's recommendation, and what are the time frames for those steps?*

The agencies were requested to return the follow-up report to the Grand Jury within fifteen days. Upon receipt of the agency responses, the status of implementation of the Grand Jury's

recommendations was tabulated, the responses were evaluated, and in some cases recommendations for further follow-up were developed.

RESULTS:

The results of the 2002-2003 SJCCGJ's follow-up efforts are summarized in the tabulation below. Exhibit 1 presents the complete tabulation of these follow-up results, including notes that provide further explanation of the implementation status of Grand Jury recommendations for various agencies.

Summary of Follow-up Results

Grand Jury Reporting Year	Number of Recommendations	Number Implemented	Number Still to be Implemented	Number that won't be Implemented
1999-2000	23	19	1	3
2000-2001	40	33	2	5
2001-2002	37	35	1	1
Totals:	100	87	4	9

CONCLUSIONS:

Evaluation of the 2002-2003 SJCCGJ's follow-up results leads to the following conclusions:

- An overwhelming majority of the Grand Jury's recommendations (about 90 percent) have been implemented or are still in the process of being implemented.
- Only about 10 percent of the Grand Jury's recommendations were rejected by the agencies involved.
- Noteworthy outcomes related to agencies for which the Grand Jury prepared reports during the three-year period from 1999 to 2002 include:
 - Courthouse Security was upgraded.
 - The Delta Fire Protection District and the Woodbridge Fire District merged in March of 2003.
 - Several Cities within the County established written policies on Contract management, tracking, and standardization.
 - Stockton Unified School District adopted a written policy in May 2003 regarding the use of phone recording equipment by the District's police department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

No recommendations.

RESPONSE REQUIRED:

No response required.

EXHIBIT 1 – Tabulation of Follow-up Results

Reporting Year and Case No.		Number of Recommendations	Number Implemented	Number Still to be Implemented	Number that won't be Implemented	See Note Number:
1999-2000						
0199	Environmental Health	0	--	--	--	
0299	Dept. of Aviation	4	3	--	1	(1)
0399	Stockton Police Dept. Property Room	1 rec., but no response required by report				
0499	Franklin High School	0	--	--	--	
0699	Sheriff Dunn/jail inmates, road cleanup	1	1	--	--	
1399	Clinical Lab/General Hospital	4 recs., but no response required by report				
1699	Building Permits/City of Stockton	4	4	--	--	
1799	Webster Middle School	1	1	--	--	
2099	San Joaquin County Public Library	2	1	--	1	(2)
2199	City of Manteca/Lathrop Sewage Contract					
	Manteca	4	2	1	1	(3)
	Lathrop	2	2	--	--	
	Escalon	1	1	--	--	
	Lodi	1	1	--	--	
	Ripon	1	1	--	--	
	Stockton	1	1	--	--	
	Tracy	1	1	--	--	
2799	Mosquito & Vector Control	0	--	--	--	
2000-2001						
0100	City of Lodi/Employee Benefits	2	1	--	1	(4)
0200	Manteca Unified School District	0	--	--	--	
0300	Lindbergh Adult Center/MUSD	2	2	--	--	
0400	Probation Department/Juvenile Hall	13	9	1	3	(5)
0500	Sheriffs Department	1	1	--	--	
0600	Human Service/Child Protective Services	0	--	--	--	
0700	SJ County Community Development Dept.	0	--	--	--	
0800	City of Stockton/Housing & Redevelopment	2	1	1	--	(6)
0900	San Joaquin County/Courthouse Security	7	6	--	1	(7)
1000	Delta Fire Department	2	2	--	--	
1100	Housing Authority of San Joaquin County	1	1	--	--	
1500	City of Stockton Planning Department	0	--	--	--	
1600	Sheriffs Department	4	4	--	--	
1800	Public Conservator	6	6	--	--	
2001-2002						
2000	Mary Graham Children's Shelter	9	9	--	--	
2200	Human Services Agency/Public Housing	4	3	--	1	(8)
0101	City of Stockton Parks and Recreation	1	1	--	--	
0201	Stockton Unified School District Police Dept.	3	3	--	--	
0301	San Joaquin Public Conservator	2	2	--	--	
0501	Adult Protective Services	7	7	--	--	
0601	Health Care Services - Office of Substance Abuse	4	4	--	--	
0701	Health Care Services - CHDP99 Program	2	2	--	--	
0801	Juvenile Probation	2	2	--	--	
1201	Office of Emergency Services	3	2	1	--	(9)
Totals:		100	87	4	9	

(See next page for notes)

Notes for EXHIBIT 1

- (1) 0299 Dept. of Aviation – A recommendation that the concept of privatization of the Airport be evaluated and pursued was not implemented because the Board of Supervisors disagrees with the recommendation.
- (2) 2099 San Joaquin County Public Library – The Library has chosen not to implement the Grand Jury's recommendation to use the Library's bar code system to restrict underage individuals from checking out videos and magazines that are not appropriate for such individuals. Instead, the Library feels they have addressed the Grand Jury's concern by staff vigilance in reminding parents that they are best suited to provide viewing and reading guidance for their own children. The Library's response, however, indicates that it provides text-only access to Playboy magazine via the Reference Center Gold periodical indexing product. The response gives no information about what safeguards are in place to preclude age-inappropriate content of such text-only material from being accessed by underage individuals.
- (3) 2199 City of Manteca/Lathrop Sewage Contract: Manteca – A recommendation regarding determination of contract compliance was not implemented because of pending litigation involving this subject. A recommendation to accelerate the implementation of the City's "Records Management System" is still progressing, with much of the equipment necessary to implement a comprehensive document imaging system having been purchased. Documents are imaged, as staff and funding are available.
- (4) 0100 City of Lodi/Employee Benefits – A recommendation to place the Mayor's reimbursement funds in the Veterans Memorial Fund was not implemented, but the funds were instead transferred to the City's General Fund.
- (5) 0400 Probation Department/Juvenile Hall – The one recommendation identified, as still to be implemented is 24-hour on-duty medical personnel and is subject to approval of funding by the Board of Supervisors. Three recommendations will not be implemented because of regulatory requirements or juvenile facility operational/philosophy mandates not addressed by the Grand Jury's report.
- (6) 0800 City of Stockton/Housing & Redevelopment – A recommendation to develop an ordinance for the City Council to consider that would create stricter regulations of rental housing units is still being studied by a staff task force.
- (7) 0900 San Joaquin County/Courthouse Security – A recommendation for a separate employee entrance will not be implemented because it was discussed in great detail prior to implementation of the weapons screening program and was rejected.
- (8) 2200 Human Services Agency/Public Housing – A recommendation that the Board of Supervisors develop a plan for adequate low-income housing that would require all communities within the County to accept General Relief tenants will not be implemented because the Board has no authority to require landlords, in any community, to accept General Relief tenants.
- (9) 1201 Office of Emergency Services – The Grand Jury recommended that the physical location of the Office of Emergency Services headquarters meet all Federal standards concerning suitability of location or else that an action plan be developed that addresses said suitability. County staff has been assessing general options for relocating Office of Emergency Services' operation and currently the relocation/consolidation of the Agriculture Center and the County Administration Building are possibilities being explored. The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator are aware of the issue, and there is no specific timeframe for addressing the matter.