County Services Committee Activities

The County Services Committee was responsible for reviewing the operation and activities of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Air Pollution Control District, Department of Airports, General Services Agency, Public Works Agency, and Resource Management Agency. Information was gathered through interviews with management and staff, visits to offices and facilities, and attendance at board and commission meetings.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Committee visited the Agricultural Commissioner in the Santa Paula office for an overview. They also met with a Supervising Agricultural Biologist in the Oxnard field office for specific information on pest control, importing and exporting of produce, and related matters.

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

The Committee attended meetings of the Board and Advisory Committee. The District is newly separated from the Resource Management Agency.

AIRPORTS

The Committee met with the Director of Airports at the Camarillo office. They also attended a meeting of the Point Mugu Joint Powers Authority and a meeting regarding the new Master Plan for the Camarillo and Oxnard Airports.

GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

The Committee heard an overview by the Director, and special presentations by Deputy Directors regarding Fleet Services, Purchasing, Recreation Services, and Risk Management. The Manager of Channel Islands Harbor gave a presentation and arranged for a tour of the Harbor.

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

The Committee received background on the Agency from the Director. Deputy Directors provided specific information requested on flood control and roads.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Committee received background on the Agency from the Director. Deputy Directors of Building and Safety, Environmental Health, Operations, Planning, and Weights and Measures each provided overviews, and responded to subsequent concerns. Staff members from Building and Safety and Planning provided additional information as requested. The committee observed a Planning Commission meeting. Ride-a-longs and field trips were arranged by Environmental Health and Weights and Measures.

The Committee also attended meetings of the Boards of Supervisors, Ventura County Transportation Commission and the Ventura County Organization of Governments.

County officials and staff were both gracious and helpful in these varied contacts with the Grand Jury.