

July 14, 1998

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

RESPONSES TO THE 1997-98 VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY FIRST FINAL AND INTERIM REPORTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Your Board approve the attached responses to be filed with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court pursuant to State statute.

DISCUSSION:

The 1997-98 Grand Jury released its two "Interim Final Reports," one regarding the Environmental Health Division's Food Protection Program, the other regarding Welfare Reform. State law requires that your Board comment on the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury pertaining to county government under your jurisdiction. The Resource Management Agency and Human Services Agency have prepared the attached responses for your consideration.

This year the Grand Jury issued Interim Reports directly to agencies/departments without always including the Board and Chief Administrative Office in the distribution. Unfortunately, this approach resulted in a breakdown in the process to assure responses appear before your Board and are forwarded to the Presiding Judge within 90 days of original distribution. Consequently, these responses have already been forwarded in draft form to the 1997-98 Grand Jury Foreman.

In order to avoid problems like this in the future, the 1998-99 Grand Jury Foreman has been provided with a suggested distribution/response process.

The attached responses have been formatted according to legislation, which became effective January 1997. If your Board elects to amend these comments or add additional comments, at your direction, staff can make such changes and additions prior to submission of the response to the Presiding Judge.

With any additional comments your Board may wish to make, this report should be filed as indicated in the above-recommended action.



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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments

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