

**2000 - 2001 Ventura County Grand Jury
Appendices**

Appendix I:

Responses to the 1999-2000 Grand Jury Report

Background

The 1999-2000 Grand Jury released 20 reports covering a wide variety of topics, from policies and procedures for the use of bankcards to an overview of domestic violence within the County, from Ventura County Mental Health billing to County pre-employment background checks.

Figure 1 shows each of the 20 reports released and the agencies to which recommendations were addressed.

Findings

In all, 85 departments responded to the reports released, although only 82 department's responses were required. 56 of those (66%) were received by the deadline; 29 responses (34%) ranged from 2 days late to 79 days late.

In some cases, formal responses were received by the Grand Jury prior to the date indicated in Figure 1. Since the official date of receipt is the date the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court received the response, that date was used to determine the date of response.

There were a total of 115 responses from the departments with 98 (85%) responses in agreement with the Grand Jury's recommendations and 17 (15%) in disagreement for reasons, determined by the grand jury, to be valid.

Any attempt to determine actual implementation of Grand Jury recommendations is futile in that the timetable for implementation of some recommendations falls after the term ends.

Conclusions

Considering the number and breadth of reports issued, the record of responses, while allowing room for improvement, is not altogether unreasonable.

Approximately two-thirds of the agencies responded in a timely manner. If responses received by the Grand Jury prior to the deadline but not received by the Presiding Judge until after the deadline are included, the percentage of timely responses rises accordingly.

A considerable number of responses from county departments were compiled by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and forwarded together under one transmittal letter. This resulted in some confusion both to the respective departments and the grand jury Review Committee tracking the responses.

That committee sent 13 non-response letters to County departments that had already forwarded their response, within the allotted timeframe, to the CAO's office as per that office's instructions to do so. The fact that these department's responses and the responses of 14 other County departments were required to funnel through the CAO's office to be reviewed and compiled, caused these responses to be from 7 to 78 days late depending on the respective department's required timeframe in which to respond as stated in the Penal Code, section 933(c).

In short, 27 of the 29 reports received by the Grand Jury that were beyond the required due date were included in the CAO's response package under one cover letter that was date stamped as received by the Presiding Judge on Sept. 29th 2000.

All responses were reviewed by the 2000-2001 Grand Jury, and in four cases, a further response or follow up visit was required in order to determine the degree of compliance to the respective department's acceptance of Grand Jury recommendations.

Recommendation

Rather than wait to compile all County department's responses to be forwarded to the Presiding Judge in one all-inclusive packet, the CAO should forward each department's response as it is received and reviewed.

Response Required

Board of Supervisors

Responses to 1999-2000 Grand Jury Reports

RELEASE DAY	REPORT TITLE & AGENCY RESPONDING	PAGE	RESPONSE DUE	RESPONSE DATED	RESPONSE RECEIVED	DAYS LATE	A=ACCEPT BY G.J.
5/11/00 Audit	Procurement Bank Card General Services Agency (R-1 thru R-9) Auditor/Controllers Office (R-5,R7) Chief Administrators Office (R-1,R-6,R-8,R-9)	5	7/11/00 7/11/00	6/8/00 5/30/00 ND	6/8/00 5/30/00 9/29/00	79	A A A
6/15/00 Audit	Mental Health Billing Irregularities Section A:Mental HealthBilling Section Director of Behavioral Health (R-1,R-2,R-3) Director,V.C.Health Care (R-1,R-2,R-3) Section B:Information Systems Dept. Section Director,V.C. Health Care Agency (R-1,R-2,R-3) Director,Information Systems Dept. (R-1,R-2,R-3) Section C:Transamerica Occidental Ins. Section Chief Administrative Officer (R-1) County Counsel (R-1) Section D:Administration Section Director,V.C. Health Care Agency (R-1 thru R-4) Director,Behavioral Health Department (R1 thru R-4)	17	8/15/00 8/15/00 8/15/00 8/15/00 8/15/00 9/18/00 8/15/00 8/15/00	8/14/00 8/14/00 8/14/00 8/14/00 ND 9/29/00 8/14/00 8/14/00	9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00 9/29/00	45 45 45 45 45 11 45 45	A A A A A A A A
6/8/00 Audit	Purchase Orders:Policies and Procedures Director,General Services Agency (R-1,R-2,R-3) Auditor-Controller (R-2,R-3) Chief Administrative Officer (R-1,R-2,R-3)	35	8/8/00 8/8/00 8/8/00	6/8/00 7/26/00 ND	6/8/00 9/29/00 9/29/00	52 52	A A A
6/29/00 Counties	LAFCO & Santa Paula Expanded Sphere of Influence LAFCO (R-1, R-2, R-3) County Counsel (F-4 thru F-6,C-1, C-2, and R-3)	43	9/29/00 9/29/00	11-Sep 7/19/00 9/18/00	Revision 8/1/00 9/29/00		A A
6/27/00 Counties	Channel Islands Beach Community Services District Board of Supervisors (R1,R-2,R-3) Chief Administrative Officer (R-1, R-2) C.I.Beach Community Services District (R-1,R-3,R-4) Harbor Department (R-2,R-3) Port Hueneme Water Agency (R-3, R-4)	49	8/27/00 8/27/00 9/27/00 9/27/00 9/27/00	ND ND 12-Sep ND 7/18/00	9/29/00 9/29/00 22-Sep 9/29/00 7/21/00	33 33 2	A A A A A
7/5/00 Counties	An Examination of Special Districts Providing Water to V. C. C.I.Beach Comm.Svc.District (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Callegus Municipal Water District (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) WaterDistrict:(R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Casitas Municipal Water Distr.: (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) County Waterworks Dist.#1.Moorepark (R-1,R-2,R-4 ,R-5) County Waterworks Dist.#8. Simi (R-1,R-2,R-4 ,R-5) County Waterworks Dist. #16.Piru (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) County Waterworks Dist. #17 Bell Cnyn (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) County Waterworks Dist. #19 Somis (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Lake SherwoodService Distr. (R-1,R-2 R-4,R-5) Meiners Oaks County Water Dist.: (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Ocean View Muni. Water Dist.: (R-1,R-2 ,R-4,R-5) Pleasant Valley County Water Dist.: (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Russell Valley Water Dist.: (R-1,R-2, R-4,R-5) United Water Conservation Dist.: (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) Ventura River County Water Dist.: (R-1,R-2,R-4,R-5) The Ventura County Board of Supervisors: (R-3) Ventura County Director of Public Works: (R-1,R-2,R-3,R-5)	59	10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 10/5/00 9/5/00 10/5/00	23-Aug 29-Aug NR 7/18/00 NR 10/6/00 NR NR NR NR NR 1-Aug 3-Aug NR 5-Sep 8/10/00 ND ND	8/25/00 11-Sep 7/31/00 10/12/00 8-Sep 8-Sep 22-Sep 8/11/00 9/29/00 9/29/00	7 24 24	A A

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	Board of Supervisors (R-1 thru R-4)		7/25/00	6/12/00	6/16/00		A
	Chief Administrative Officer (R-1 thru R-4)		7/25/00	ND	9/29/00	65	A
	V.C. Sheriff (R-1 thru R-4)		7/25/00	6/27/00	6/29/00		A
	V. C. District Attorney (R-1,R-2,R-3)		7/25/00	6/21/00	6/21/00		A
	V.C. Probation Dept. Director (R-1,R-3,R-4)		7/25/00	7/27/00	9/29/00	65	A
	Auditor-Controller (R-1 thru R-4)		7/25/00	6/27/00	7/12/00		A
Public Defender (R-1,R-3, R-4)		7/25/00	6/15/00	7/12/00		A	
6/20/00 Counties	County Pre-employment Background Checks	89					
	Chief Administrative Officer (R-1,R-2,R-3)		8/20/00	6/29/00	7/12/00		A
	Human Resources Div. (R-1,R-2,R-3)	"	8/20/00	6/29/00	7/12/00		A
	Sheriff's Dept. (R-1,R-2, R-3)	"	8/20/00	7/25/00	7/28/00		A
7/5/00 Counties	Board of Supervisors Vote Requirements	95					
	Board of Supervisors (R-1)		9/5/00	ND	9/29/00	24	A
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	Oxnard Harbor District (All)		9/8/00	8/3/00	8/18/00		A
	V.C. County Fire Dept. (All)	"	9/8/00	7/26/00	9/29/00	21	A
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	V.C. County Clerk (All)		9/5/00	8/22/00	8/25/00		A
7/5/00 Cities	Redevelopment Agencies in Ventura County	117					
	City of Ventura Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	8/8/00	8/18/00		A
	City of Simi Valley Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	8/16/00	8/21/00		A
	City of Thousand Oaks Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	8/31/00	13-Sep		A
	City of Oxnard Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	9/5/00	9/28/00		A
	City of Ojai Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	7/21/00	8/18/00		A
	City of Moorepark Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	7/18/00	7/21/00		A
	City of Camarillo Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	7/18/00	7/21/00		A
	City of Fillmore Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	ND	8/8/00		A
	City of Port Hueneme Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	8/4/00	8/7/00		A
	City of Santa Paula Redevelopment Agency		10/5/00	9/20/00	22-Sep		A
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	1B. Medical Care:Ambulatory (R-1,R-2)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	2B. Behavioral:Thousand Oaks		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Health Care Agency (R-1,R-2)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Behavioral Health Dept (R-1,R-2)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	2C. Port Hueneme Mental Health Clinic		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Behavioral Health Dept,(R-1)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Health Care Agency (R-1)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Board of Supervisors(R-1)		9/5/00	ND	9/29/00	24	A
	2D. Behavioral Health Crisis Team		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Behavioral Health Department (R-1)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Health Care Agency (R-1)		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
	Board of Supervisors (R-1)		9/5/00	ND	9/29/00	24	A
	2E. Emergency Shelter for Homeless		10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
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Human Services Agency (R-1)		9/5/00	ND	9/29/00	24	A	
Board of Supervisors (R-2)		9/5/00	ND	9/29/00	24	A	

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7/5/00 HEW	Environmental Health:Food Protection Resrcr MgmtAgency, Envir Health Div.(R-1,R-2)	153	10/5/00	ND	9/29/00		A
6/13/00 HEW	Inpatient Indigent Care in Ventura County Board of Supervisors (R-1,R-2) Chief Administrative Officer (R-1,R-2)	159	8/13/00 8/13/00	ND ND	9/29/00 9/29/00	47 47	A A
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7/5/00 HEW	V.C. Juvenile Court Schools Principal,Juvenile Court Schools (R-2) Director,V.C. Probation Dept.(R-1,R-2)	177	9/5/00 9/5/00	7/26/00 7/27/00	8/2/00 9/29/00	24	A A
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