

Response to Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Fueling Responsibly in Ventura County

Report Date: June 27, 2013 Responding Agency/Dept. Board of Supervisors


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FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: FI-01, FI-02, FI-03, FI-04
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-02, R-03 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered R-04 require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: October 1, 2013 Signed: 
Peter C. Foy, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Number of pages attached: 2



**Responses to 2012-2013 Grand Jury Final Report
Fueling Responsibly in Ventura County**

FINDINGS

FI-01 The Grand Jury found that the County uses Best Practices when dispensing fuel to municipal vehicles. These municipalities (Simi, Thousand Oaks, Ventura & the County) periodically meet and share information regarding efficient administration of fuel operations.

Agree.

FI-02 The County uses commercial software to monitor fuel consumption, frequency of fueling, the amount of fuel dispensed and the mpg for each vehicle that requires fuel. This allows for tracking vehicle efficiency and monitoring for waste or theft of fuel.

Agree.

FI-03 The County use surveillance cameras in conjunction with monitoring fuel mileage to spot and prevent the theft of fuel.

Agree.

FI-04 The County saves money by purchasing fuel in bulk, at reduced rates, stores it and dispenses as needed.

Agree.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R-02 That the County and the cities of Oxnard, Simi, Thousand Oaks, and Ventura meet periodically to share information regarding Best Practices, including cost savings, security, efficiency and theft prevention.

Already implemented. Since 2006, the County of Ventura has been part of an informal group known as the Gold Coast Consortium. The Consortium is made up of fleet managers from various local government agencies within the counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara. The group meets on a quarterly basis to discuss a variety of transportation issues. All municipalities are invited and are welcome to share information.

R-03 That the County continues to follow and improve Best Practices as they administer, safeguard and monitor efficient fuel usage within their respective municipalities.

Agree. This recommendation has been implemented

R-04 That the County reviews their vehicles for instances of underperforming vehicle mileage. Then they should consider reassigning the vehicles to more efficient usage.

Agree. Portions of this recommendation have already been implemented, however analysis is required and will occur as part of the implementation of new software in this area.

As part of the annual budget process, departments review vehicle usage to ensure the minimum mileage standards are met. Additionally, County vehicles are evaluated at replacement time to ensure that the most appropriate vehicle for the task is assigned. With the implementation of new fleet operations software (Assetworks) this year, the County will be able to better monitor vehicle mileage and fuel consumption to ensure efficient vehicle usage.