

# GRAND JURY

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## Mission

Grand Juries are appointed by the local State Superior Court of California and serve as investigative bodies. Civil grand juries are empowered to inquire into alleged criminal acts within the County; examine fiscal and management practices in County government, departments, cities and special districts; and to investigate allegations of misconduct of any public office or officer within the County. If evidence warrants, the Jury files formal charges.

## Program Summaries

### Operations

Positions: 0.00 FTE

Total Appropriations: \$128,511

Net County Cost: \$128,511

The Operations budget unit reflects the costs which may be incurred by the Civil Grand Jury members for their activities, as authorized by the local Superior Court.

## Fiscal Year 2007-08 Major Accomplishments

### *Develop Collaborative Solutions*

- The 2007-08 Grand Jury issued its Final Report in two parts covering a wide range of community and government issues. Part 1, released in March, 2008, addressed Road Repair Community Service Districts, the Clean Tahoe Program, County Jails and Juvenile Halls, the Growlersberg Conservation Camp and Mother Lode Union School District. Part 2 addressed Safe Schools, Fire Protection Districts and facilities including Building C, the El Dorado Center, El Dorado High School, Edwin Markham Middle School, Louisiana Schnell School, and the Sheriff's Administration Building.
- In addition to findings and recommendations, the 2007-08 Grand Jury issued several commendations for well run programs and projects.

## Fiscal Year 2008-09 Goals and Objectives

### *Develop Collaborative Solutions*

- The Grand Jury will issue its FY 2008-09 Final Report before June 30, 2008.

## Chief Administrative Office Comments

The Proposed Budget for the Grand Jury increases Net County Cost by \$3,553. The budget provides for essential operations. Funding has been adjusted within line items to budget correctly for cost applied charges and adjusted to reflect spending patterns from prior year budget. This budget slightly increases appropriations in line items associated with Grand Jury Expense and Mileage based on inflationary factors.

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## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

### Legal References related to the Grand Jury budgets and expenditures:

Penal Code Section 914.5 states:

“The grand jury shall not spend money or incur obligations in excess of the amount budgeted for its investigative activities by the board of supervisors unless the proposed expenditure is approved in advance by the presiding judge of the superior court after the board of supervisors has been advised of the request”.

Penal Code Section 925 states:

“The grand jury shall investigate and report on the operations, accounts and records of officers, departments or functions of the county including those operations, accounts, and records of any special legislative district or other district in the county created pursuant to state law for which the officers of the county are serving in their ex officio capacity as officers of the districts. The investigations may be conducted on some selective basis each year, but the grand jury shall not duplicate any examination of financial statements which has been performed by or for the board of supervisors pursuant to Government Code Section 25250; this provision shall not be construed to limit the power of the grand jury to investigate and report on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county. The grand jury may enter into a joint contract with the board of supervisors to employ the services of an expert as provided in Section 926.”

Government Code 25250 states:

“At least biennially the board of supervisors shall examine and audit or cause to be audited the financial accounts and records of all officers having responsibility for the care, management, collection, or disbursement of money belonging to the county or money received or disbursed by them under authority of law. The audit shall encompass the immediately preceding two-year period, or any portion thereof not included in a prior audit.....”

Penal Code Section 926 states:

“...the grand jury may employ one or more experts, at an agreed compensation, to be first approved by the court,” for the purposes of its investigation under sections 925 (county accounts and operations), 925a (books, records and operations of city and joint powers agency), 928 (needs of county officers), 933.1 (books, records and operations of redevelopment agency, housing authority, joint powers agency), and 933.5 (books, records and operations of special purpose assessing or taxing district, i.e. special district or commission).

The expenditures for investigations under Penal Code Section 933.5 shall not exceed \$30,000 annually unless approved by the board of supervisors.

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Penal Code Section 926 states:

“Any contract entered into by a grand jury pursuant to this section may include services to be performed after the discharge of the grand jury, but in no event may a jury contract for services be performed later than 6 months after the end of the fiscal year during which the jury was impaneled.

“Any contract entered into by a grand jury pursuant to this section shall stipulate that the product of the contract shall be delivered on or before a time certain to the then current grand jury...for such use as that jury finds appropriate to its adopted objectives.”

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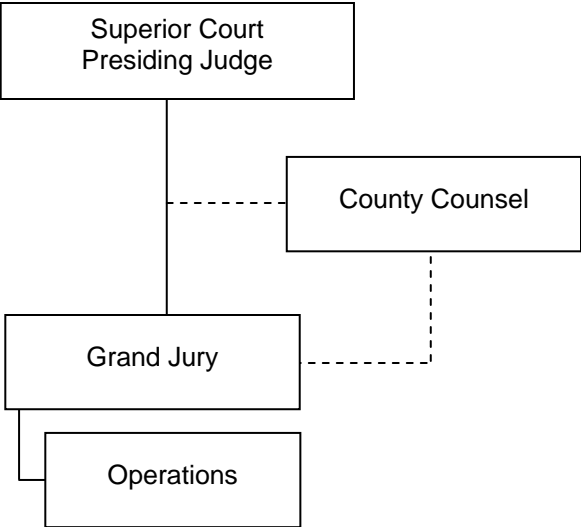
## Financial Information by Fund Type

FUND TYPE: 10 GENERAL FUND  
 DEPARTMENT: 19 GRAND JURY

		PRIOR YR ACTUAL	CURRENT YR APPROVED BUDGET	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	CAO RECOMMENDED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
<b>TYPE: E EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>CLASS TITLE</b>					
30	SALARY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,182	293	310	187	-106
40	SERVICE & SUPPLIES	109,862	118,549	116,839	119,974	1,425
72	INTRAFUND TRANSFERS	8,493	6,116	7,809	8,350	2,234
<b>TYPE: E SUBTOTAL</b>		124,537	124,958	124,958	128,511	3,553
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