

**REVIEW OF PAST GRAND JURY REPORTS  
AND  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSE  
GJ 04-040**

**Reason for the Report**

The 2004-2005 Grand Jury reviewed the last four years of Grand Jury Final Reports and the Board of Supervisors Responses. Our investigation revealed that many issues addressed in these four reports still exist. Recommendations were made by past Grand Juries. The county agreed with some of the recommendations, stating they would be implemented, but never did so. Each year significant operational deficiencies of several departments continue to appear before the Grand Jury, thus causing time and monies to be spent due to lack of timely implementation of actions that would have remedied the problems. (*example, see GJ04-043, Lack of Strategic Plan see page 11*) .

**Background**

The Grand Jury's primary function is to serve the public by overseeing county and local government and is an impaneled investigative body mandated to inform the citizens of El Dorado County to better the function of its government. The Grand Jury Final Report is published at the end of its term in June with findings and recommendations, is the product of the investigations that were completed during that year, and is mandated by Penal Code Section 933 (a), of the State of California. The Grand Jury has a duty to review all responses to prior years' final reports to insure that responses are correctly addressed and initiated as stated.

**Findings/Recommendations**

1a. **Finding:** Final Grand Jury reports from the last four years have addressed several problems in various departments. Responses to these problems made by the affected departments indicated acknowledgement of these problems and acceptance of the Grand Jury's recommendations. The responses to the reports were "**We agree that the problem exists and that action will be taken in the near future.**" But the problems still exist in many departments today. The department managers and directors are not implementing the necessary actions required to correct the recurring situations. The Grand Jury finds that the Board of Supervisors is ultimately responsible, but has not acted to assure corrective action.

1b. **Recommendation:** The Grand Jury recommends that a monitoring program be implemented to assure that acknowledged deficiencies are corrected. The Board of Supervisors is to be advised by the CAO as to the current progress in complying with the response to the Grand Jury's report. The progress report is to be printed in the board's agenda minutes at the first board meeting of each month.

2a. **Finding:** Several responses to recommendations in the 2003-4 Grand Jury Report stated that the recommendation has yet to be implemented, but will be in the future. Example: Child Protective Services response #2; County Government response #5; Trust Funds response #4; South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District response. These responses are not in compliance with

Penal Code Section 933.05(b)(2) and (3) which requires the respondent give a time frame for implementation of the recommended actions.

2b. **Recommendation:** The Board of Supervisors when responding to Grand Jury recommendations must follow Penal Code Section 933.05 (b) (2) and (3) and **set specific time frames for accomplishing recommendations which are acknowledged.**

A response is required by the Board of Supervisors within ninety (90) days. See Table of Contents, "*Notice to Respondents*".