

# EL DORADO COUNTY 2021-2022 GRAND JURY

## GRAND JURY CONTINUITY AND COMPLIANCE

Case 21-01 – June 13, 2022

The El Dorado County (County) Civil Grand Jury may appear to be an institution that exists continuously. However, it is actually a series of individual grand juries, each of which exists for exactly one year, as mandated in the California Constitution and statutes. No jury is a continuance of any other. Each Grand Jury exists independently and separately from all others.

### **BACKGROUND**

Each County Civil Grand Jury investigates County government during its one-year term. It can also investigate city governments, agencies, and special districts within the County. Each investigation can generate a report containing evidence, with findings of fact derived from that evidence, and can recommend actions based on those findings. Each report can require responses to reported findings and recommendations from those officials responsible for the subject of the report.

Grand Jury reports may be published and released at any time during the Grand Jury term. The time involved in conducting investigations, evaluating information gathered and writing reports results in reports most frequently published near the end of the term.

Responses must be made within a timeframe of 60 or 90 days from the date the report is published. Responses to Grand Jury reports are typically received after the issuing Grand Jury's term has ended. The new Grand Jury in place receives the responses instead of the issuing Grand Jury. It is then incumbent upon the succeeding Grand Jury to evaluate those responses for statutory compliance and completion.

### **METHODOLOGY**

- Reviewed California Penal Code §933.05 and other sections relevant to report responses, findings and recommendations;
- Reviewed the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury reports and responses;

- Communicated with multiple agencies after reviewing their responses; and
- Reviewed responding agencies' meeting agendas and minutes.

## **DISCUSSION**

The current Grand Jury reviewed responses to the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 Grand Jury reports. This review is intended to ensure that the work of prior Grand Juries is not disregarded. In most cases, responses were timely and complied with provisions of the California Penal Code. Further, follow-up actions specified in the responses had either been implemented, were in the process of being implemented, were not being implemented, or require further analysis.

The Grand Jury commends those local agencies and districts that provided timely and compliant responses to the reports of prior Grand Juries, as well as their evident commitment to implementing recommendations for improving programs and services.

As a method to capture the results of the evaluation of the responses, this Grand Jury created Grand Jury Recommendations and Responses Summary Spreadsheets of prior reports. The spreadsheets include reports completed by the Grand Juries by year (from 2000-01), categorizes them by topic, summarizes the recommendations and responses for follow-up actions, and tallies the results. Also, to better inform the public of the Grand Jury's work and of their recommendations, the spreadsheets will be part of the County's Grand Jury [website](#). The intention is that the spreadsheets will be updated annually by subsequent Grand Juries. Attached is an example of one of the spreadsheets that summarizes the results of prior Grand Juries' reports.

## **FINDINGS**

- F1. The relevant local agencies and districts responded to the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 Grand Juries' reports properly.
- F2. The follow-up actions specified in the responses have been completed or are in the process of being implemented.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

## **ATTACHMENT**

- EL Dorado County Grand Jury Reports Summary

## **REQUESTS FOR RESPONSE**

Responses to this report are not required or requested.

## EL DORADO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORTS SUMMARY

CASE NUMBER	FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS	RECOMMENDATION ALREADY IMPLEMENTED	RECOMMENDATION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED	RECOMMENDATION NOT IMPLEMENTED	RECOMMENDATION NEEDS FURTHER ANALYSIS	RECOMMENDATION COMPLETED
<b>SUMMARY OF EL DORADO GRAND JURY REPORTS</b>							
<b>2020/2021</b>							
County Cemetery Management	6	4		2	1	1	2
Inspection of County Jails and Juvenile Treatment Center	3	3	1		1		
Grand Jury Continuity and Compliance	2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following up on Mental Health Services Act Fund Spending	2	3	1	1	2	1	
West Slope Emergency Services - Joint Powers Authority and Ambulance Service	5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investigation of El Dorado County Probation Department	25	13	2	3	5	3	2
<b>2019/2020</b>							
Pleasville City Police Facility, Citizens Deserve Better	1	3		3			2
South Lake Tahoe City Police Facility, Citizens Deserve Better	1	3		3			2
County Credit Cards	7	3		1	1	1	2
Policing Those with Behavioral Health Issues a Challenge for County Law Enforcement	11	8	3	3	2	1	3
County Vital Records Certificate Fees-Why so Expensive?	5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Slope Fire Protection Update	6	1		5	1		5
County Airports	8	6		1	1		1
Jails and Juvenile Treatment Center Inspections	5	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Drone Use	2	1		1			1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2016/2019</b>							
Moving Forward in County Fire Services Sustainability	6	2	1	1			1
Mental Health Services Act Fund Spending	3	3		3			3
Fire Service Operations	3	3	2				1
Electric Outages (Informative Report)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grand Jury Continuity	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
A Fair Review	7	3		3			3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2017/2018</b>							
Carrying the Work of the Grand Jury Forward	4	2					
Cameron Park Community Services District	10	5					
El Dorado Irrigation District California Public Records Act Compliance	2	2					
El Dorado County Fire Protection Consolidation	7	5					
How El Dorado County Can Navigate the CALPERS Crisis	5	5					
Oversight of Special District Mitigation Fees	3	1					
El Dorado County Jails Inspectors	7	6					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>26</b>					
<b>2016/2017</b>							
El Dorado County South Lake Tahoe Jail	5	6					
El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center	2	2					
South Lake Tahoe El Dorado County and the Shingee Springs Band of Meek Indians	7	4					
El Dorado County Workers Compensation Administration Program	6	2					
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District - Positive Changes and Continuing Challenges	8	5					
El Dorado County Legacy Application Migration and Mainframe Decommissioning Success	6	4					
Cameron Park Airport District - Calling and Viability Limited	8	6					
El Dorado County Pleasville Jail - Jail Inspection	4	4					
Looking Back and Looking Ahead	3	1					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>37</b>					