

**2003-2004
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GRAND JURY**



FINAL REPORT

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Monday, June 2, 2004

The Honorable Robert H. Damron
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
County of Sutter
P.O. Box A
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Dear Judge Robert H. Damron:

The members of the 2003-2004 Sutter County Grand Jury are honored to have served our county, and we submit this final report.

The Grand Jury was involved in the following activities during this past year.

- Twenty-four inspections/inquiries on publicly funded agencies and/or programs in Sutter County.
- Three indictment hearings.
- Electronic recording of the Board of Supervisors responses to the 2002-2003 Final Report that can be downloaded from the Grand Jury website for the seeing impaired or for easy listening of the citizens of Sutter County. The intent was to make this information more accessible to the general public and to citizens with impaired vision. This could only have been possible with the donated help of KUBA 1600AM radio. The recordings should be accessible from the website sometime in June. It should be noted that Sutter County is the first county in California to make this type of recordings available to the public, according to sources at the California Grand Jurors Association.
- Eva Todd and Laura Estrada have helped develop a way to make electronic submittal of the Grand Jury Final Report happen in a timely manner for respondents to answer back in a more convenient manner. This should make the responses to the final report easier for all county entities to respond, so they are compliant with the required timeline. The intent this year is to run an electronic trial and walk through the process. It is possible that over looked issues could come to light during this trial period, so that, if and when it is implemented, a more streamlined and efficient process can be determined.

- Electronic reimbursement forms have been created that resemble the current form, but improve the accuracy and speed up the turn around time in the County's controller office, by making it more efficient for them to process. It is my understanding that the County may use this electronic form countywide.
- Electronic expense form has also been created similarly to the reimbursement form with the same accuracy and efficiency.
- This year instead of sending a printed copy of the Final Report a letter will be sent to every county in the state referencing the Sutter County website and their ability to read the final report electronically. This way the county can reduce the number of printed copies and optimize their resources during these budget times.

The 2003-2004 Grand Jury is pleased to have served the citizens of Sutter County this past year. We, as members of this community, have devoted our talents, energies and time to improve where we live. We would like to thank the Sutter County courts for their help with procedures and decorum, the Board of Supervisors for guidance, and the District Attorneys Office for their counsel. This experience has given us a greater appreciation for the people that make our local government work. We can be proud and comforted in the commitment they have to their job.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Sarringar
2003-2004 Sutter County Grand Jury Foreperson