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Honorable Judge Chris Chandler  
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463 Second Street, Suite 110  
Yuba City, California 95991

RE: Final Report of the Sutter County Grand Jury

Sutter Cemetery District is in agreement with the Grand Jury's final report for 2009-2010 with the exceptions of two minor corrections. Attached you will find a copy of the final report of the 2009-2010 Sutter County Grand Jury with two corrections indicated in red. Under "discussion" at the end of the first sentence, it should state four cemeteries and "Robbins" should be deleted from this same sentence. Robbins does not have a cemetery but Sutter Cemetery District does provide interment services for families from this area.

On behalf of the Board of trustees of Sutter Cemetery District and the administration, I wish to thank the 2009-2010 Grand Jury Public Buildings and Properties Committee for taking their time for an on-site visit and for their efforts in preparing this report.

Sincerely,

William D. Cochran  
Chairman of the Board

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## Sutter Cemetery District

### Introduction

The 2009-2010 Sutter County Grand Jury Public Buildings and Properties Committee conducted an on-site visit of the Sutter Cemetery District on January 22, 2010. The office is located at 7200 Butte Avenue, Sutter. Members of the Grand Jury met with board members Fred Yager, Eugene E. Kauffman, William D. Cochran, and Steve Perry, District Manager Leonard Pelfrey, and Office Supervisor Mary Shaw.

The visit was attended by Grand Jury members: Patrick Calkins, Susan Countryman, Vera Crabtree, James Hans, Dana Naso, Amanda Ohlendorf, and Everett Vestal.

### Discussion

The Sutter Cemetery District is staffed with twelve full-time employees who oversee ~~five~~ <sup>four</sup> cemeteries: Sutter, Noyes Berg Pioneer, Yuba City, Meridian, and ~~Robbins~~. They have 300 to 400 interments a year, with over 70 acres still available.

The District is funded, in part, by a special assessment levied in the property taxes of the real property in said district and burial fees. They have an annual budget of \$900,000. They are audited by an independent auditor annually. Their cash handling procedures are in line with county requirements. Deposits are made weekly and on the last business day of the month with the County Auditor's office.

The award winning grounds still allow upright head stones, with a height limit of 40 inches.

The newer office is neat and organized, and the grounds are well maintained. Within the office, there is a fire-proof room where the district records are stored.