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## RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY REPORT 2010-2011 COMPLIANCE REVIEW

### BACKGROUND

The Tulare County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) is impaneled annually to act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting on the affairs of county and local governments. They may also look into complaints brought by citizens who are concerned about perceived governmental irregularities. As a fact finding body, the Grand Jury has the potential to make recommendations for constructive changes and possible solutions to a wide range of local governmental problems. This is done by reviewing and evaluating procedures, methods, and systems utilized by the county's various entities to determine if more efficient and economical programs may be employed. The Grand Jury is also authorized to, and in some cases must:

- Inspect and audit books, records, and financial expenditures to ensure that public funds are properly accounted for and legally spent;
- Inspect financial records of special districts in Tulare County;
- Examine the books and records of any nonprofit organization receiving county or city funds;
- Inquire into the conditions of jails and detention centers; and
- Inquire into any charges of willful misconduct in office by county and/or local officials or employees.

The Grand Jury does not investigate private entities, school curriculum, state or federal agencies, courts, nonprofits not connected to the government, or other matters not connected with local governments.

The Grand Jury annually issues a final report containing several reports addressing one or more issues. California Penal Code §933 requires responses from governing agencies including the Board of Supervisors, city and county governments, schools, special districts, and certain nonprofit corporations. This ensures that their functions are performed in a lawful, economical, and efficient manner. Each report contains information such as background regarding subject matter; reasons for investigation; procedures followed in obtaining information, findings, conclusions, and recommendations. All required responders must reply in writing to each finding and recommendation in the specific report within a given time period.

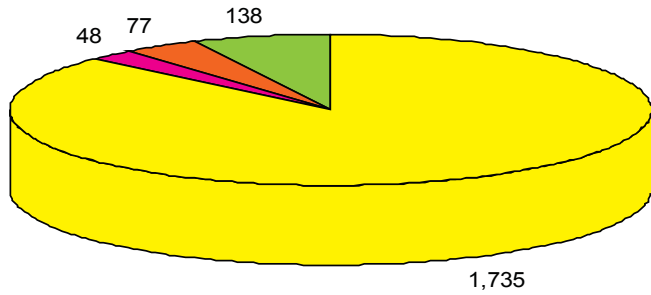
### PROCEDURES FOLLOWED

1. Reviewed all returned responses to the 2010-2011 Grand Jury Report.
2. Reviewed relevant Penal and Government Codes.
3. Compiled statistics regarding the responses.

### FINDINGS

1. There was a total of 20 Grand Jury reports in the 2010-2011 final report, 16 of which required 78 responses from 70 entities.
2. There were 239 findings and 77 recommendations.
3. The following diagrams indicate the percentages of concurrence with, or disagreement to, the findings and implementation; or non-implementation of recommendations made to the responding entities.

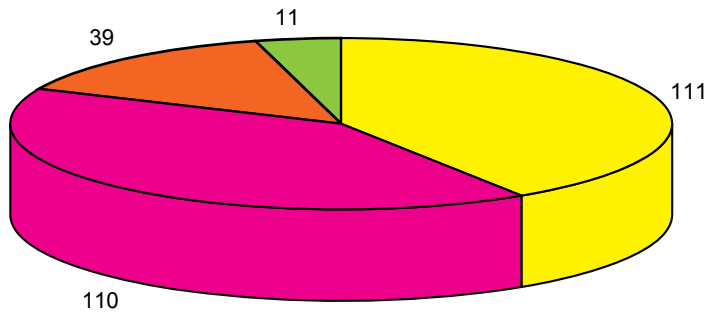
**2010-2011 Findings:**



**Total: 1,998**

<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Agree	86.8%
<span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Disagree	2.5%
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Partially Agree	8.8%
<span style="color: green;">■</span> Not Applicable	7.9% <sup>1</sup>

**2010-2011 Recommendations:**



**Total: 271**

<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Implemented	41.0%
<span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Not Implemented	40.6%
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Requires Study	14.4%
<span style="color: green;">■</span> Not Applicable	4.0% <sup>1</sup>

**CONCLUSIONS**

Instructions are provided to all entities from which responses are required. Not all entities responded by the response date, however, with subsequent requests to do so, all entities responded. A number of responses were not in proper form. Entities need to respond in a timely and proper manner.

**REQUIRED RESPONSES**

None

<sup>1</sup>Not Applicable: This term applies to responses such as those that do not have information to be able to agree or disagree and those not in our purview.