

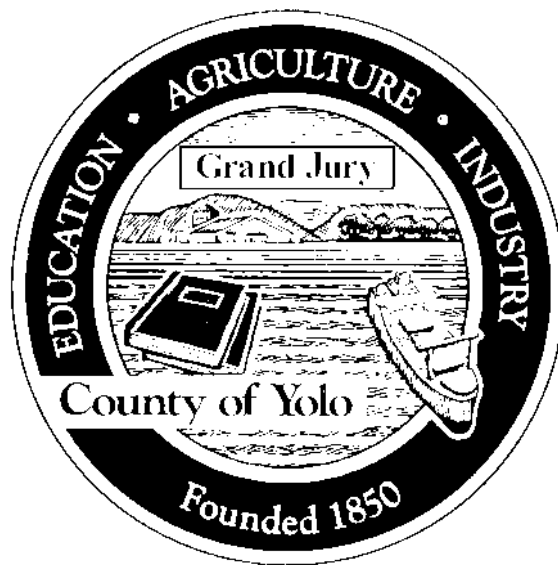
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GRAND JURY County of Yolo

P. O. Box 2142
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June 26, 2015

The Honorable Paul K. Richardson
Advising Judge to the Grand Jury
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
725 Court Street
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Dear Judge Richardson,

The 2014-2015 Yolo County Grand Jury proudly presents our Consolidated Final Report to you and the citizens of Yolo County.

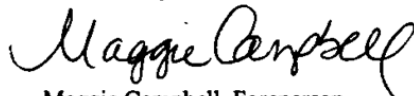
This year, the Grand Jury received and reviewed 16 citizen complaints, a substantial decrease from the 27 received in 2013-2014. Three complaints were referred from the 2013-2014 Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury produced six reports: one on the County Detention Facilities as mandated by the California Penal code, two based on complaints, and three based on Grand Jury initiated investigations. The implementation and success of recommendations made by previous Grand Juries was of great interest to this year's Grand Jury. Accordingly, we have included a continuity report that touches on the success of these previous recommendations. All six reports were released early, yet not in time for any responses to be included in this final report.

Not all of this year's investigations resulted in reports. Some complaints were received too late to investigate this year and will be referred to next year's Grand Jury for consideration.

The 2014-2015 Yolo County Grand Jury is represented by an amazingly intelligent, insightful, and dedicated group of residents from Davis, Dunnigan, Esparto, West Sacramento and Woodland. It has been my honor to serve as Foreperson.

On behalf of the entire 2014-2015 Yolo County Grand Jury, please allow me to share our sincere appreciation to all the Yolo County employees and officials whose guidance, support, and cooperation made this year a success. It has been our honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Yolo County.



Maggie Campbell, Foreperson
2014-2015 Yolo County Grand Jury

**The 2014-2015
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ABOUT THE GRAND JURY

The United States Constitution's Fifth Amendment and the California Constitution require that each county appoint a Grand Jury to guard the public interest by monitoring local government. Per California Penal Code Section 888, the Yolo County Superior Court appoints 19 Grand Jurors each year from a pool of volunteers. These Yolo County citizens, with diverse and varied backgrounds, serve their community as Grand Jurors from July 1st to June 30th. The Yolo County Grand Jury is an official, independent body of the court, not answerable to administrators or to the Board of Supervisors.

FUNCTION

The California Grand Jury has three basic functions: to weigh criminal charges and determine whether indictments should be returned (Pen. Code, § 917); to weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations requesting their removal from office (Pen. Code, § 992); and to act as the public's "watchdog" by investigating and reporting on the affairs of local government (e.g., Pen. Code, §§ 919, 925 et seq.). The purposes of any Grand Jury civil investigation are to identify organizational strengths and weaknesses and to make recommendations aimed at improving the services of county and city governments, school districts, and special districts under study. Based on these assessments, the Grand Jury publishes its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government.

Recommendations from the Grand Jury are not binding on the organization investigated. The governing body of any public agency must respond to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations within 90 days. An elected county officer or agency head must respond to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations within 60 days. The following year's Grand Jury will then evaluate and report on the required responses.

The findings in this document report the conclusions reached by this year's Grand Jury. Although all the findings are based upon evidence, they are the product of the Grand Jury's independent judgment. Some findings are the opinion of the Grand Jury rather than indisputable

statements of fact. All reports included in the document have been approved by at least 12 jurors. Any juror who has a personal interest, or might be perceived to have a personal interest, in a particular investigation is recused from discussion and voting regarding that matter. All reports are reviewed by the Grand Jury's legal advisors to ensure conformance with prevailing laws.

While the Yolo County Grand Jury's primary function is civil review of government agencies, it is also called upon to participate in criminal indictments, usually based on evidence presented by the District Attorney. On its own initiative, the Grand Jury may investigate charges of malfeasance (wrongdoing), misfeasance (a lawful act performed in an unlawful manner), or nonfeasance (failure to perform required duties) by public officials.

The Grand Jury investigates complaints from private citizens, local government officials, or government employees; initiates investigations based on ideas generated from the jury; and follows California Penal Code that requires it to inspect the county's jails.

Copies of the Grand Jury's comprehensive final report, consisting of each year's individual reports on departments and agencies and responses to the prior year's report, are available in hard copy at the courthouse, in all public libraries, and on the Grand Jury's website, <http://www.yolocounty.org/grand-jury>. The report may also be obtained by contacting the Yolo County Grand Jury at 530 -406 -5088 or at P.O. Box 2142 in Woodland, CA 95776.

Grand Jurors and all witnesses are sworn to secrecy and, except in rare circumstances, records of meetings may not be subpoenaed. This
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