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**F2.** Staffing of officers assigned to the jail is currently operating at the minimum. However, since there are open positions, staff overtime is required, for example, for moving inmates to and from medical appointments and/or trial. The officers working in the jail are situated in a central room with cameras where they can observe inmates and manage 911 calls. A female officer is required to be one of those officers on each shift when women prisoners are housed in the jail.

**F3.** There is a policy in place that allows all Sheriff department employees - who work in 12-hour shifts, to have an hour to work out during each shift upon approval of their supervisor. This has resulted in increased morale and better health of the members of the department.

**F4.** Staff's treatment of inmates appeared to be appropriate based on observation and interviews conducted with several inmates.

**F5.** Cameras cover most of the jail facility, but there are blind spots that may pose potential risks.

**F6.** Mono County Jail is currently the hub for the 911 dispatch center. In collaboration with Frontier Communications, the recently updated dispatch system can locate the origin of a call, which is extremely helpful in providing assistance in an emergency. Per a discussion with Mono County Sheriff staff, there are ongoing discussions within Mono and Inyo Counties for a possible regionalization of a 911 Emergency call center. Discussions include establishment of a possible Joint Powers Authority to manage the oversight of cooperative action among Mono County Sheriff's Office, Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Bishop Police Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Local fire agencies (non-federal), Medical, DPW, etc.

**F7.** Per discussion with Mono County Sheriff Staff, MCGJ members were informed that the most recent visit to the jail by members of the MC BOS was quite some time ago – April of 2016.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**R1.** The MC BOS and DPW should make every effort to progress the final planning and construction phases of the New Jail building to avoid cost overruns, provide the best possible long-term facility and be able to incorporate the health clinic for locals.  
Timeline: End of 2019.

**R2.** The MC BOS should fund all open jail staff positions. Timeline: The next Fiscal Budget.

**R3.** Sheriff Department Jail Staff should continue their current practices. Timeline: Ongoing.

**R4.** Sheriff Department Jail Staff should continue their current practices and procedures. Timeline: Ongoing.

**R5.** The Sheriff's department is recommended to provide additional camera coverage for any potential blind spots within the current jail facility. Timeline: Within the next six months.

**R6.** Continue discussions of a possible Joint Powers Authority to manage a new 911 system shared by Mono County and Inyo County and their appropriate emergency agencies (Police, Fire, Etc.) to provide improved and consistent services to the community. Timeline: Ongoing.

**R7.** The MC BOS is recommended to make an annual visit/tour of the Mono County Jail. Timeline: Annual.

1. <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2019/04/23/who-begs-to-go-to-prison-california-jail-inmates>

# 2018-2019 MONO COUNTY GRAND JURY CONTINUITY COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

## SUMMARY

The 2018-2019 Mono County Civil Grand Jury (MCCGJ) Continuity Committee (CC), reviewed the past four years of published Grand Jury reports from 2013-14 through 2017-18, *(2015-16 Grand Jury never convened and therefore no final report was ever issued.)* Upon review, CC determined there were multiple recommendations agreed to by appropriate entities on several prior MCGJ reports that needed to be verified for completion and compliance. In addition, Penal Code Section 919 (b) requires that the Grand Jury annually inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county, and the CC assumed that responsibility. The review of Mono County Jail will follow as a separate report.

Link to all known Final Reports & Responses:

<https://www.mono.courts.ca.gov/generalinfo/jury-grandjury.htm>

## BACKGROUND

Upon review of the four previous Grand Jury reports, the CC determined it was not necessary to launch any new investigations at this time. We, however, reserve the right to make a recommendation to future Grand Juries to follow up, should it be deemed necessary.

The CC reviews GJ Reports to see if a recommendation was made by a previous MCGJ. If so, did the agency in question agree to the recommendation and if they did agree, did they do what they said they were going to do?

## DISCUSSION

To review the reports from the four previous Grand Juries, a matrix was developed by the 2018-19 CC as a starting point. In it, (see chart below), issues in red/bold merited follow up. If responses to recommendations were needed or evidence of compliance was not clear, the CC would send a letter to the appropriate agency. All responses were received within the requested time frame.

2018-19 Grand Jury Continuity Committee Matrix / Review of GJ Reports 2013-18								
2013-14 Grand Jury Final Report								
Title/Investigation No.		Mono County Dept. of Social Services	TOML Materials Recovery Services	Mammoth Lakes Tourism	Mono County Assessor's Office	Mono Co Admin/ HR	Mono County Jail Tour	
Response Review		1314.01	1314.02	1314.03	1314.04	1314.05	1314.05	
Further Action	Closed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	With POC	
	Letter needed?	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	New Investigation Needed?	No	No	See 14-15 Report	No	No	Annual	
2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report								
Title/Investigation No.		MC Sheriff Office Complaint	MC Employee	MC Animal Control Services	TOML TOT	Mono County Assessor's Office	Mono County Jail Tour	
Response Review		1415.01	1415.02	1415.03	1415.04	1415.05	1415.06	
Further Action	Closed	Yes	No	Yes	Closed in 18/19	Yes	Yes	
	Letter	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
	New Investigation Needed?	No	No	No	See 2017-18	Resolved in 2017/18	Annual	
2016-17 Grand Jury Final Report								
Title/Investigation No.		MC - Registrar	Town Council & Town Manager	TOML Finance	Mono County Jail Tour			
Response Review		1617.01	1617.02	1617.03	1617			
Further Action	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
	Letter Needed?	No	No	No	No			
	New Investigation Needed?	No	No	No	Annual			
2017-18 Grand Jury Interim Report - Final								
Title/Investigation No.		Jail - Holding Cell	Jail - PT Cook	TOML - TOT	MC Registrar of Voters	MC Assessor's Office	MC EMS Responses	TOML Admin.
Response Review		1718.01 INT	1718.02 INT	1718.03 INT	1718.04 INT	1718.05 INT	1718.06 INT	1718.07 INT
Further Action	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Letter needed?	No	No	Yes responded	No	No	No	No
	New Investigation Needed?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
2017-18 Grand Jury Final Report								
Title/Investigation No.		Mammoth Lakes Tourism	Mono County Jail Tour	Mammoth Community Water District	TOML Amerigas Franchise	TOML Amerigas Billing		
Response Review		1718.08	1718.09	1718.1	1718.11	1718.12		
Further Action	Closed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
	Letter needed?	Yes - responded	N/A	N/A	Yes - responded	Yes - responded		
	New Investigation Needed?	No	Annual	No	No	No		

## METHODOLOGY

After a review of the previous MCGJ reports and recommendations, it was determined that one investigation was unresolved and flowed in subsequent reports. The following is a breakdown by the original investigation, with the subsequent new investigations and current status:

1. **Mammoth Lakes Tourism TOT - 1314.03** (2014-15 MCGJ Report as #1415.04, 2017-18 MCGJ Report as 1718.03INT.)
  - a. It was recommended by the 2013-14 MCGJ that the Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML) Finance Department audit lodging provider for TOT remittal compliance. The item continued in years 2014-15 and then into 2017-18 as a new investigation with a recommendation that the TOML audit at least one smaller and one larger lodging provider for TOT compliance. The 2018-19 MCGJ Continuity Committee sent a letter to the TOML asking them to confirm compliance.
  
2. **Mammoth Lakes Tourism - 1718.08**
  - a. The 2017-18 MCGJ recommended Brown Act Training for MLT Board of Directors and MLT Staff. The 2018-19 CC sent a letter of inquiry regarding adherence to the MCGJ 2017-18 recommendations to the MLT Board.
  
3. **TOML Amerigas Franchise - 1718.11**
  - a. A letter of inquiry regarding adherence to the MCGJ 2017-18 recommendations was sent to the TOML Staff. Based on responses received, the TOML is pursuing several options.
  - b. TOML is renegotiating the contracts with Amerigas for all Town Facilities.
  - c. TOML is meeting regularly with Amerigas on a quarterly basis to work on, among issues, an emergency response plan and “as built” plan updates.
  - d. TOML is conducting an audit of AmeriGas and Cost of Maintaining System Backbone with the objectives to:
    - i. Determine the accuracy of the 2% franchise fee, including the methods used for the calculation.
    - ii. Confirm that the access charge of \$.32 per gallon charged by AmeriGas for access to the pipeline is the same for all suppliers who access the pipeline and that the fee shall not exceed the cost AmeriGas attributes to its own use.
    - iii. Verify that the Capital Recovery Analysis (CRA) to justify the continued charge of \$.32 cents per gallon. Including an understanding of the investment that AmeriGas has made in the

distribution system; the depreciation of those capital improvements and to determine the annual cost of operating the system.

4. **TOML Amerigas Billing - 1718.12.**

- a. A review of the 2017-18 MCGJ revealed there was an investigation on which recommendations were made that deserved to be addressed to the appropriate entities for results and compliance. A letter was sent to the TOML requesting an update.

## **FINDINGS**

**F1.** The CC found regarding **Mammoth Lakes Tourism TOT #1314.03**, the TOML responded to the 2018-19 letter of verification in a timely manner and indicated they had begun the audit program as previously recommended. The TOML Finance Department discovered a discrepancy in the initial audit and are in the process of collecting funds. In addition, they decided to expand on the GJ recommendation and are now conducting audits on a minimum of two large and two smaller lodging providers per year.

**F2.** The CC found regarding **Mammoth Lakes Tourism - 1718.08**, MLT agreed with the finding and recommendation to provide training and education of the Brown Act to all MLT Board of Directors and to MLT Staff. MLT responded to the 2018-19 letter of verification in a timely manner and indicated they had completed training for all current MLT Board of Directors and MLT Staff and would continue to train all future employees and board members.

**F3 & F4.** The work of TOML regarding Amerigas is ongoing but appears to be complying with the recommendations made by the 2017-2018 MCGJ. As several issues within the confines of those investigation recommendations are proceeding, this MCGJ cannot confirm their adherence at this time but is confident they are moving forward satisfactorily.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The CC concluded all recommendations from previous MCGJ reports received responses and compliance was in progress. The CC did not open any new investigations on these matters during the 2018-19 term.