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2012-2013 GRAND JURY RELEASES REPORT ON REVIEW OF AGENCY RESPONSES TO 2011-2012 FINAL REPORT

(Stockton, CA) The 2011-2012 Grand Jury issued its final report in June 2012. Its Final Report consisted of five individual investigations, seven law and justice visits, and five follow-up reports on government agencies, departments, school districts and special districts throughout San Joaquin County. These individual investigations, visits and follow-up reports resulted in 37 findings and 36 recommendations.

Penal Code Sections 933(c), 933.05(a), and 933.05(b) define the requirements that public agencies must follow when grand jury recommendations are made.

The 2012-2013 Grand Jury reviewed each of the responses to the 2011-2012 Grand Jury's Final Report and conducted follow-up investigations to confirm compliance and verify the agencies met the intent of the recommendations. The investigations consisted of response reviews, documentation reviews, interviews, and site visits. The agencies reviewed included the Stockton Unified School District Police Department, the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin, the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District, the Department of Human Services/Child Welfare Service, the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, the French Camp McKinley Fire District, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Deuel Vocational Institute.

The North San Joaquin Water Conservation District met all of the 2011-2012 Grand Jury recommendations except for two. This resulted in two new findings and two new recommendations for the District. The 2012-2013 Grand Jury recommends that the District fully comply with the law and complete the Brown Act and Ethics training and provide documentation of attendance for all Board members. The remaining respondents complied with all of the recommendations made by the 2011-2012 Grand Jury.

The follow up results from the public agencies under last year's Grand Jury review and subsequent compliance with their recommendations indicate the importance of the Grand Jury system for effecting positive change. In turn, as is the history in this county, most entities have welcomed the ability to receive and adopt new and better ways of operating for the benefit of the citizens they serve.