



County of Orange  
California

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Interim  
County Executive Officer

March 19, 2003

Carlos N. Olvera, Foreman  
FY 02/03 Grand Jury  
Superior Court of California  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

**Subject:** Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations"

Dear Mr. Olvera:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 993, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Kim at the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Respectfully,

  
James D. Ruth, Interim County Executive Officer

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# AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

**CONSENT**

**DISCUSSION**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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CEO REVIEW

Concur

Do Not Concur

Exempt

TO: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF ORANGE**

FROM: **County Executive Office**

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION (NAME AND PHONE)

County Executive Office: Frank Kim 834-3028

MEETING DATE February 11, 2003		SUBJECT Proposed Response to the FY 2002/2003 Grand Jury Report Entitled "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations"		SUPV. DIST. ALL
SUMMARY OF REQUEST (Description for Agenda) Approve proposed response to the FY 2002/2003 Grand Jury Report entitled "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations"				
ADDITIONAL DATA: In November, the Grand Jury released a report titled "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations". This report directs Finding 1 and Recommendations 1 through 3 to the County Executive Office (CEO). As the governing body for the County Executive Office, the Board of Supervisors is required to respond to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on their behalf. Enclosed, as Attachment 1 is the proposed response to Finding 1 and Recommendations 1 through 3.				
PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS ON THIS SPECIFIC ITEM: None.				
FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	CURRENT YEAR COST N/A	ANNUAL COST N/A	BUDGETED? __YES _ NO N/A	
WILL PROPOSAL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, STATE NUMBER _____ PERMANENT _____ LIMITED TERM			CONSISTENT WITH BOARD POLICY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NEW ITEM OR EXCEPTION	
RECOMMENDED ACTION 1. Approve response to Findings 1 as well as Recommendations 1 through 3 as shown in Attachment 1. 2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward this AIT with Attachment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and Foreman of the Grand Jury.				
CONCURRENCES (If Applicable)		ATTACHMENTS 1. Orange County Response to FY 2002/2003 Grand Jury Report entitled, "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations". 2. Tracking Report for Grand Jury Recommendations from FY 1999/2000 through FY 2001/2002. 3. FY 2002/2003 Grand Jury Report, "Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations".		

Gary C. Burton  
Chief Financial Officer

Date

William D. Mahoney  
Acting County Executive Officer

**2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury Report  
Tracking the Implementation of Grand Jury Recommendations**

**Response to Findings**

- 1. Currently, no procedure within the County Executive Office tracks, monitors or reports the implementation status of open Grand Jury report findings and recommendation responses.**

**Response to Finding #1: Agrees with finding.**

Following up on the findings and the recommendations from prior year Grand Jury reports is an important function of the Grand Jury and the Board of Supervisors. On July 23, 1996, at the request of the Grand Jurors Association, the Board of Supervisors gave the Association a directive and the responsibility to form an Implementation and Tracking Committee for tracking and reporting of pending or open implementation items. The program was established but due to a number of reasons internal to the Association, the committee was not able to meet its tracking responsibilities. No formal procedure currently exists for tracking open findings and recommendations.

**Response to Recommendations**

- 1. The County Executive Officer review directions given in the Board of Supervisors motion of March 29, 1994, for tracking and reporting of pending or open implementation actions.**

**Response to Recommendation #1: The recommendation has been implemented.**

The motion carried by the Board on March 29, 1994 had the following four components:

1. Direct the County Administrative Officer to meet with the Grand Jury each year to discuss open items.
2. Direct the County Administrative Officer to provide the Grand Jury with a written report summarizing the implementation status of open items.
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer to provide minutes from this meeting to the Grand Jury.

4. Direct the County Administrative Officer to provide the Grand Jury with any additional requested information.

The County Executive Office will assume the responsibility of following up on prior year open implementation items and provide a written status to the sitting Grand Jury no later than March of each year. A meeting will be scheduled each year with the Grand Jury to review prior year open items. And as always, the County Executive Office is available support the Grand Jury on any information requests throughout the year.

2. **The County Executive Officer provide a summary report to the Board of Supervisors on implementation items that remain open.**

**Response to Recommendation #2: The recommendation has been implemented.**

Enclosed, as Attachment 2 is the response to prior year Grand Jury Report recommendations that required further analysis and was directed to the Board of Supervisors and County Departments.

3. **The County Executive Officer prepare a detailed, written report for the Grand Jury by mid-March each year on the status of implementation items that remain open.**

**Response to Recommendation #3: The recommendation has been implemented.**

The County Executive Office will provide a written response no later than March of each year for open implementation items from prior year Grand Jury reports.