

**2003/2004 TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY  
APPENDIX**

**Subject: Frequency of Inquiries and Investigations**

Section 919 of the California Penal Code requires the grand jury to inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county. That section also requires the grand jury to inquire into the willful or corrupt misconduct in office of public officers of every description within the county.

The Penal Code does not assign the grand jury duties as ombudsman; however, the grand jury frequently receives complaints as part of its watchdog activities. The Grand Jury is not required to accept or act on every complaint; but those complaints that are accepted may be assigned a high priority for Grand Jury investigation.

Section 925 of the Penal Code requires the Grand Jury to “. . . investigate and report on the operation, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county . . .”. The code also states that those investigations may be conducted on a selected basis each year.

A reasonable goal for the Grand Jury is to conduct a review of each county department at least once every four years. Reports from previous Grand Juries provide some information regarding the most recent reviews of county departments, but the dates of those reports are not a conclusive indication of prior reviews of a department. For instance, a previous report may be based on an investigation of only a small part of a department’s operation that was conducted in response to a complaint. Conversely, a previous Grand Jury may have conducted an overall review of a department but declined to write a report on that department.

In summary, the Grand Jury has considerable latitude in selecting subjects of inquiry and investigation except for the inquiries required by Section 919 of the Penal Code. The watchdog role of the Grand Jury will logically result in the investigation of citizen’s complaints being a high priority activity. Selection of additional areas of investigation can best be left to the judgment of the Grand Jury, taking into consideration the dates of the most recent reviews of county departments.

1. **CONTINUITY COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

County Officials' Responses to Grand Jury Reports 2000-2001 01/02

T.□. **DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

Building Inspection Dept. 87/88; 90/91\*\*; 94/95  
Planning Department 82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 91/92; 94/95  
Citizen's Complaint/Emergency 911 Mapping System 01/02; 02/03  
Public Works/Transportation Dept 81/82; 82/83; 83/84; 85/86; 89/90; 97/98  
Dumps, Roads, Yards, 03/04  
Surveyor 90/91\*\*; 92/93; 94/95  
Airports 88/89; 94/95  
General Services (Building & Grounds) 87/88; 90/91\*\*; 96/97  
Cemeteries 82/83; 84/85; 85/86; 88/89; 90/91\*\*; 92/93;  
93/94; 94/95  
County Parks 90/91\*\*; 95/96  
Solid Waste 91/92; 94/95  
Farm Advisor 82/83; 85/86; 88/89; 92/93; 94/95  
Trinity Center Airport 02/03  
Trinity County Fair 81/82; 83/84; 84/85; 89/90

T.□. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

Superintendent of Schools Office 82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 86/87; 87/88; 88/89;  
91/92  
T.C. Office of Education 95/96, 99/00; 00/01  
Mt. Valley Unified School Dist. 88/89, 99/00; 00/01  
Hayfork High School 83/84; 84/85, 99/00; 00/01  
Valley High School 99/00  
Community Day School 99/00  
Hayfork Elementary 99/00; 00/01  
Hyampom Elementary 84/85, 99/00  
Trinity Union School District 88/89, 99/00; 00/01  
Trinity High School 83/84; 00/01  
Alps View School

Elementary School Districts	
Burnt Ranch	99/00; 00/01
Coffee Creek	99/00; 00/01
Cox Bar	99/00; 00/01
Junction City	99/00; 00/01
Lewiston	99/00; 00/01
Trinity Center	99/00; 00/01
Weaverville	84/85, 99/00; 00/01
Douglas City	99/00; 00/01
Southern Trinity Joint Unified District	
Hoaglin-Zenia Elementary	99/00; 00/01
Van Duzen Elementary	99/00; 00/01
Southern Trinity High School	99/00; 00/01
Mt. Lassic High School	99/00
Trinity County Aids Task Force	98/99 (See 99/00 Final Report)

4. **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

	<b><u>Reviewed in Fiscal Year</u></b>
Assessor	83/84; 84/85; 87/88; 88/89; 90/91
Auditor/Controller	82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 85/86; 88/89; 89/90; 91/92; 93/94; 95/96; 96/97
Auditor – MacCarlie Trial Fund	96/97**
Auditor’s Trust Fund	02/03
Board of Supervisors	82/83; 85/86; 88/89; 89/90; 90/91*; 98/99
Citizen Complaint Redistricting	01/02
Citizen Complaint T.C. Housing Rehabilitation Dept.	01/02; 02/03
Citizen Complaint Against Brian Muir, Auditor	03/04
Clerk/Recorder/Elections County Audit	82/83; 89/90; 97/98; 98/99; 00/01; 01/02 94/95
County Administrative Officer/Personnel (MI)	82/83; 85/86; 87/88; 88/89; 90/91*; 98/99
Trinity County Hiring Practices	98/99
Data Processing	82/83; 83/84; 88/89; 90/91; 97/98; 98/99
Evaluation of Compliance by CPS Foster Care Program	98/99
Evaluation of Elected & Appointed Dept. Managers	97/98
Evaluation of County Lower Level Managers & Employees	97/98

Fixed Assets Inventories & Property Management	97/98
General Review of County Government	99/00; 00/01
Mailing Procedures	91/92**
Public Dissemination of Trinity County Grand Jury Reports	98/99
Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)	91/92**; 93/94
Treasurer/Tax Collector	82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 85/86; 89/90; 00/01
Trinity County Financial Statements and Related Accounting Matters	00/01; 01/02
Trinity County Life Support	97/98
Thunder Rock Shale Mine	98/99
Unsigned Citizen Complaint - \$2 Million Hospital Fund	02/03

**6. HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed In Fiscal Year**

Trinity Hospital	81/82; 82/83; 86/87; 87/88; 88/89; 89/90; 90/91; 91/92; 92/93; 93/94; 96/97; 97/98, 99/00; 00/01; 00/01; 03/04
Behavioral Health	03/04
Department of Health	
Health Officer – Environmental Health	82/83; 83/84; 85/86; 88/89; 89/90; 91/92; 96/97; 02/03
Health and Human Services	
Dept of Child Protective Services	97/98; 98/99, 99/00
Eligibility Division	98/99
In Home Support	03/04
Pre-Hospital Care	02/03
Public Health Nurse	81/82; 89/90; 94/95
Specialist (Sanitarian)	82/83; 84/85; 88/89; 94/95

**6. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

Court Administration (MI)	89/90
Probation	87/88; 95/96; 96/97
Juvenile Assessment/Detention	97/98; 98/99, 99/00; 02/03; 03/04
District Attorney/	00/01; 00/01
County Counsel	81/82; 86/87; 87/88
Fraud Investigator	
Family Support	98/99

Sheriff	
Sheriff's Dept.	92/93; 93/94; 94/95; 95/96; 00/01
Jail/Detention Facility	82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 85/86; 86/87; 87/88; 88/89; 89/90; 90/91; 91/92; 92/93; 93/94; 94/95; 95/96; 96/97; 97/98; 98/99, 99/00; 00/01; 01/02; 02/03; 03/04
Emergency Services	82/83; 90/91
Animal Control	82/83; 83/84; 84/85; 90/91; 91/92; 92/93; 01/02
Southern Trinity Law Enforcement	98/99
Coroner/Public Administrator	82/83; 89/90
Citizen Complaint (Trinity Hospital)	
Montie Emery	95/96**; 96/97**
Citizen Complaint Against Law Enforcement Officials Engaged in Reverse Sting Narcotics Investigations	03/04
Citizen Complaint Against Robert Reiss Supervisor, District 5	03/04
Public Defender Selection, Evaluation, And Contract Procedures	97/98, 99/00; 03/04
Reimbursement of Public Defender	
Jail Costs	97/98
Collections of Trial Court Receivables	98/99
Video Arraignment	98/99

**7. REVIEW AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

County Administration	95/96
County Clerk /Recorder/Elections	95/96, 99/00
Sheriff's Department	96/97**

**8. SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

CalWORKS Program	01/02
Youth Services	86/87; 90/91
Welfare/Child Protective Services	81/82; 82/83; 84/85; 86/87; 87/88; 89/90; 91/92; 93/94; 96/97
GAIN	88/89; 90/91
Library	82/93; 84/85; 86/87; 89/90; 90/91; 93/94; 94/95
Mental Health/Counseling Center/ Behavioral Health	81/82; 82/83; 83/84; 87/88, 99/00; 01/02

Veteran's Services Officer/Public Guardian	82/83; 85/86; 88/89; 90/91; 00/01
Trinity County District Attorney Family Support	95/96; 96/97

**9. SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

In General	82/83; 89/90; 91/92; 92/93; 97/98; 00/01
Financial Audits	01/02; 02/03; 03/04
Handbook	96/97; 01/02
Douglas City C.S.D.	97/98
Greater Hayfork Valley Park & Recreation District	97/98
Hayfork Fire Protection	98/99; 97/98
Hyampom Community Services District	97/98
Junction City Fire Protection	97/98
LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission)	81/82; 89/90
Lewiston Community Services District	97/98
Post Mountain C.S.D.	88/89; 95/96
Post Mountain P.U.D.	96/97; 97/98 (2 Reports)
Ruth Lake C.S.D.	88/89; 93/94; 97/98
Salyer C.S.D.	97/98
Trinity Center C.S.D.	97/98
Trinity County P.U.D.	97/98
Trinity County Resource Conservation District	90/91; 97/98
Trinity County Waterworks District #1	83/84; 86/87; 97/98; 98/99
Weaverville C.S.D.	89/90; 92/93; 93/94; 94/95; 97/98
Weaverville-Douglas City Recreation District	90/91; 97/98
Weaverville Fire Protection	97/98
Weaverville Sanitary District	99/00 (2 reports); 97/98

**9. SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

**Reviewed in Fiscal Year**

General Services	
Contracting	00/01
Landfill Closure/Sewer Line	00/01
Solid Waste	00/01