Grand Jury Report

RESPONSE FORM

Grand Jury Report Title : *Providing Effective Law Enforcement in Mendocino County*

Report Dated : March 30, 2012

Response Form Submitted By:

John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Response MUST be submitted, per Penal Code §933.05, no later than:
August 8, 2012

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:

☒ I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:
1, 4-6, 11, 13-25

☒ I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have ***attached, as required***, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.
2, 3, 7-10, 12,

I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:

☒ The following Recommendation(s) have been implemented and ***attached, as required***, is a summary describing the implemented actions:
3, 7

☐ The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, ***attached, as required*** is a time frame for implementation:

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☒ The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and ***attached as required,*** is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
4, 6, 8, 9

☒ The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, ***attached, as required*** is an explanation therefore:
1, 2, 5,

I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:

Number of Pages attached: 1

I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury. The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.

I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:

First Step: E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us
- The Presiding Judge: grandjury@mendocino.courts.ca.gov

Second Step: Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury
P.O. Box 939
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: John McCowen
Title: Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Signed: John McCowen Date: 7/31/12

ATTEST:
Carmel J. Angelo, Clerk of the Board
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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Findings 2 and 3: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no specific information regarding these findings and therefore disagrees.

Finding 7: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disagrees in part with this finding. Proposition 172 funds are deposited into a separate agency fund on a monthly basis, and then distributed to the four cities and the County's General Fund. The Board of Supervisors has no information as to the practice in other counties.

Finding 8: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors disagrees with this finding based on the response from the Sheriff stating that the Assistant Auditor-Controller sent a memo dated April 18, 2011 to the District Attorney and Sheriff presenting an analysis of Proposition 172 funds received since fiscal year 2007-08.

Finding 9: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no direct knowledge regarding staffing levels or population figures for 1985 and therefore disagrees with this finding.

Finding 10: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, based on the response provided by the Sheriff, disagrees in part. An Acting Lieutenant commutes from his South Coast Resident Post to the Fort Bragg sub-station and manages the Coastal Sector.

Finding 12: The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, based on the response provided by the Sheriff, disagrees in part. As clarified by the Sheriff, the approximate total of 632,000 marijuana plants removed during operation Full Court Press included some marijuana plants eradicated from timber lands in proximity to the Mendocino National Forest.

Recommendation 1: This recommendation will not be implemented. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has no authority to direct the Task Force Executive Board and therefore no authority to implement this recommendation.

Recommendation 2: This recommendation will not be implemented because it has been determined that the current arrangement has been both successful and cost effective.

Recommendation 3: This recommendation has been implemented and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will continue to provide available funding to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Recommendations 4, 6: These recommendations require further analysis. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will review these issues with the Chief Executive Officer and Sheriff and will budget necessary and appropriate funding, if warranted and available.

Recommendation 5: This recommendation will not be implemented as the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is unable to direct the Sheriff regarding staff assignments and is therefore unable to implement this recommendation.

Recommendation 7: This recommendation has been implemented. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has confirmed with the with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrator that appropriate policy and procedure is being followed, and reflects historical practice.

Recommendation 8, 9: These recommendations require further analysis. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will review this issue with the Chief Executive Officer and Auditor-Controller and make changes if warranted.