

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors' Response to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report on Planning and Development Department - "Caught in the Web"

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Consider adopting the recommended responses contained in Attachment A as the Board's responses to the 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report on Planning and Development – "Caught in the Web"
- B. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached transmittal letter (Attachment A) to Clifford R. Anderson, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, transmitting the adopted responses to the Grand Jury Report.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Goal # I : An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Grand Jury Report was released on May 22, 2003. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933(c), the governing body of the agency (Board of Supervisors) must respond within 90 days after issuance of the Grand Jury report. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors' response must be finalized and transmitted to the Presiding Judge of the Courts no later than Wednesday, August 20, 2003. The Board has two opportunities, if necessary, to discuss and adopt a response. If necessary, a second discussion will be scheduled for August 19.

The Caught in the Web Grand Jury Report (Attachment B) contains a total of 5 Findings and 5 Recommendations. The Planning Development Department and the Board of Supervisors are the only

required respondents. The proposed Board responses are consistent with the Planning and Development Department responses.

Mandates and Service Levels:

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that no later than 90 days after the Grand Jury submits a final report on the operations of a public agency, the governing body of the public agency shall comment to the presiding judge of the superior court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under their control. These comments, in and of themselves, do not change existing programs or services levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The recommended responses do not have a fiscal or facilities impact.

Special Instructions:

None

C: Valentin Alexeeff, Director, Planning and Development

Attachments: Attachment A – Letter of Transmittal to Clifford R. Anderson, Presiding Judge
Attachment B – Grand Jury Report titled: Planning & Development – “Caught in the Web”
Attachment C – Planning & Development Response