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Cloudy with a Chance of Clarity

Reporting Santa Cruz County Retirement Costs and Obligations

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY - The Grand Jury's investigation of the reporting of long-term retirement liabilities reveals that the county fails to provide a single, summary document that is an easily accessible, clear, and understandable accounting of these liabilities. The Grand Jury recommends that a summary document of these liabilities be included in the county's budget. This would give county citizens access to information that several cities and other entities within the county are already providing.

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Our Troubled Mental Health Board

Santa Cruz County Mental Health Advisory Board

Revisited

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – The Grand Jury's investigation of our local Mental Health Advisory Board found they lack the tools needed to perform the oversight mandated by Proposition 63 to advocate for some of our most vulnerable citizens – those with mental illness and their families. The Board must ensure that the Proposition 63 funds are used wisely by evaluating and reporting the successes and failures of county-wide mental health services to the Board of Supervisors and to the public. These funds for fiscal year 2015/16 are \$14 million. Changes are needed to empower the Mental Health Advisory Board to achieve these important goals.

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