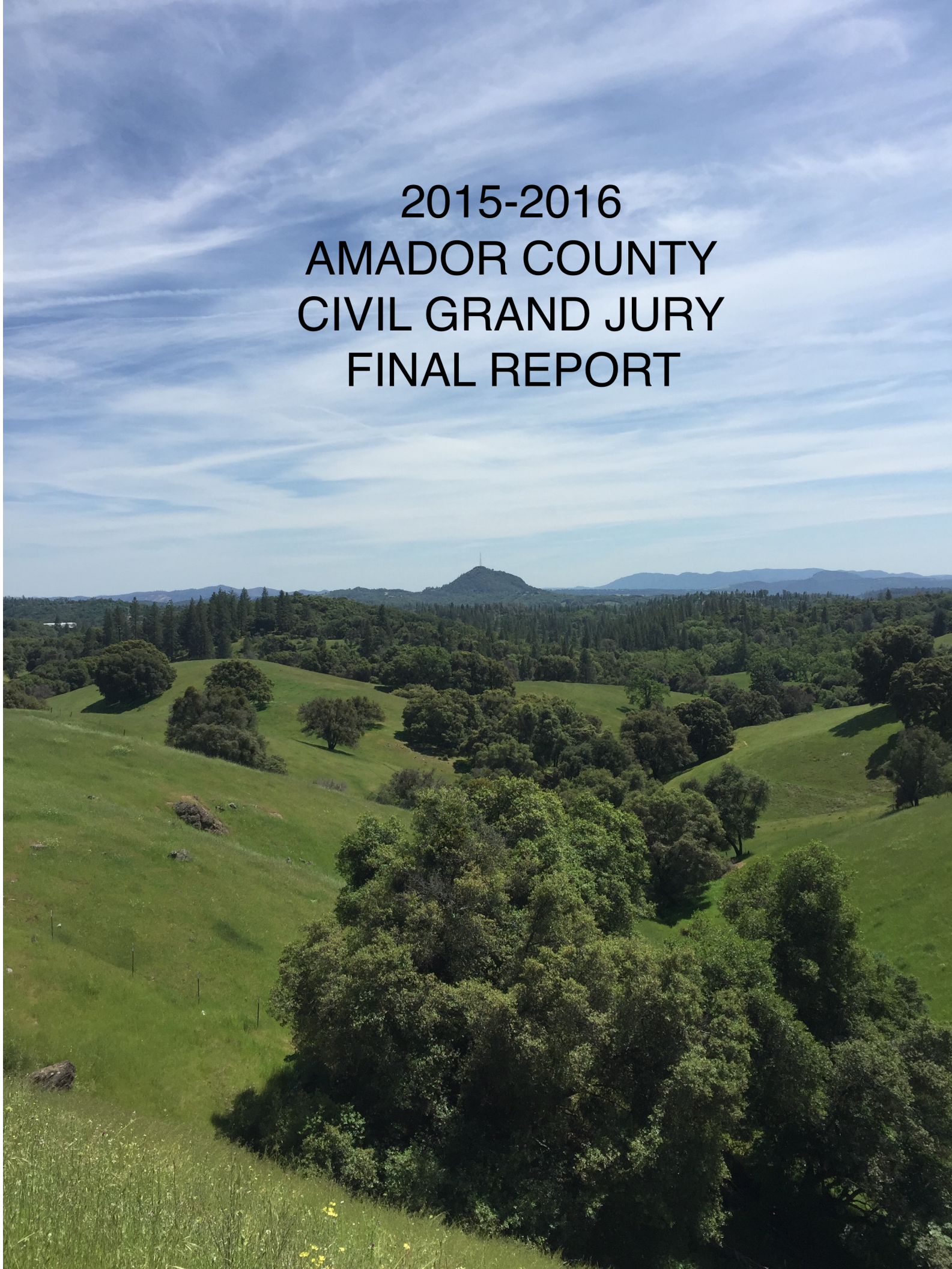


**2015-2016
AMADOR COUNTY
CIVIL GRAND JURY
FINAL REPORT**



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June 8, 2016

Robert Stimpson, Foreperson
Amador County Grand Jury
PO Box 249
Jackson, CA 95642

Re: Amador Grand Jury 2015-2016

Dear Foreperson Robert Stimpson, Gary Reeder, Lynne Campbell, Donna Conrad, Zach Talbert, Martha Gamble, Doyle Grosz, Gary Baker, Terry Hale, Ralph Jarboe, Amy Hess, Kenneth Perano, Paul Keeton, Douglas Gunselman, David Upton, Raymond Mumolo, Wayne Tucker, Arthur Weatherford, and Alexis Wisser:

I wish to thank each of you for the hard work and dedication shown during the past year on the Amador 2015-2016 Grand Jury. You have taken your duties seriously and spent time away from family, friends and other responsibilities in order to produce an insightful, professional report.

Mr. Stimpson, your excellent leadership as foreperson is well noted, and the other members' efforts in assisting are apparent. On behalf of the residents of Amador County, thank you for the generous donation of your time and commitment to the Grand Jury. Your work will ensure improvement and confidence in our local government.

Wishing each of you a well earned retirement from your yearlong duties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.S. Hermanson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judge J.S. Hermanson



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June 15, 2016

The Honorable Judge J.S. Hermanson, Presiding Judge
Amador County Superior Court
500 Argonaut Lane
Jackson, California 95642

Dear Judge Hermanson,

We are proud to present to you the Final Report of the 2015-2016 Amador County Grand Jury. This report includes recommendations based on the investigations carried out by the Grand Jury. It is our hope that this information provides answers to concerns raised by the residents of Amador County.

This Grand Jury worked diligently to explore the various complex issues presented to them. It is our belief that we carried out our mandated responsibility to investigate complaints submitted by Amador County residents. These Grand Jurors put extraordinary effort into carrying out interviews, obtaining and reviewing documents, and providing meticulous scrutiny of the facts presented to them.

Our work could not have been done without the assistance of the staff of the various county entities involved. It is clear that they work hard to provide the best service to the people who live in Amador County.

I would like to thank the members of our Grand Jury for their selfless commitment to the grand jury process. Countless hours were put in by all of them. This was done in the setting of inquisitiveness, at times sadness over problems in our county, and always with laughter and kindness toward each other. This report is the result of that professionalism.

The Grand Jury would like to thank Heather Gardella, your assistant, for her guidance during this process; Jennifer Magee, County Counsel, for her legal assistance; and Ed Knapp, outside counsel, for his analysis and assistance. We also want to thank you for your counsel throughout this difficult process. Your provided much needed encouragement and kept us on track.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Stimpson, Foreperson
Amador County Grand Jury 2015-2016