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COVID-19

The 2020-2021 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury is publishing its reports during the evolving and unprecedented conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the county is emerging from the crisis, and government attention remains focused on critical public health concerns, operational difficulties and financial challenges continue throughout the county.

Our start was delayed for three months due to the uncertainties of the pandemic in the summer of 2020. We met virtually by video conference: conducting Grand Jury business, meeting with our Superior Court and County Counsel support, and interviewing witnesses. Nevertheless, we completed and now publish our reports which we hope will garner the proper attention to ultimately improve the effective and efficient operation of government.