

# **2019-20 CONTINUITY REPORT**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) is charged with oversight of county functions on behalf of its citizenry. Though it has no enforcement powers, its mission is to shed light on issues that exist inside county boundaries. The Continuity Report reviews the required responses to previously published Grand Jury reports for adequacy, completeness and timeliness. If an agency agrees to make a change or to pursue a subject further, the Grand Jury follows up within a stated timeframe to confirm progress is made. Covid 19 has delayed responses from some agencies and will be tracked for future follow-up.

This is an informational report providing a summary of findings and recommendations made by the 2018-19 Grand Jury, including updates on the status of open recommendations noted in prior continuity reports.

## **ORIGIN**

A continuity report is traditionally prepared by each year's Grand Jury in order to follow up on the report of the previous year's reports.

## **AUTHORITY**

California Penal Code section 933.05 prescribes responses to findings and recommendations. Responding agencies are directed to report whether they agree or disagree (either partially or wholly) with a finding and whether a recommendation has been implemented, will be implemented, will not be implemented, or requires further analysis. If an agency rejects a Grand Jury recommendation, they are required to provide an explanation, citing why it is either unwarranted or unreasonable. If they respond that the recommendation requires further analysis, a timeframe within six months in which such analysis will be carried out must be included with the

response.<sup>1</sup> The Grand Jury posts all its reports and each agency's responses online each year at <https://www.slo.courts.ca.gov/gi/jury-grandjury.htm>.

## **NARRATIVE**

The 2018-19 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury conducted and completed four investigative reports, which required responses from relevant agencies as well as an inspection report of county law enforcement and detention facilities, which is annually required of the SLO Grand Jury.

REPORT 1: Emergency Medical Service - Are We Covered?

REPORT 2: Fire Risk Management: Cities Do It - Why Not the County?

REPORT 3: School Developer Fees Revisited: Differing Interpretations?

REPORT 4: Affordable Housing - An Urgent Problem for Our Community

REPORT 5: Inspection Report for San Luis Obispo County Law Enforcement and Detention Facilities

The 2019-2020 Grand Jury reviewed all responses from every agency noted in each of the reports in order to prepare this follow-up continuity report. There are several occasions where respondents replied that the recommendation required further analysis. In these situations agencies have six months from the release of the final report to respond with what they concluded. However, in many of these cases there were not timely follow up responses.

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<sup>1</sup> California Penal Code 933.05:

(a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

(1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

(2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

The Grand Jury recognizes that the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic has been significant and has interrupted normal operations at many levels within the county. Though Penal Code section 933.05 provides an extension to responses that indicate a need for further analysis, this particular episode in history is unique and requires adaptations. It is therefore left to the next Grand Jury to follow up to these yet unanswered recommendations.

**2018-2019 GRAND JURY REPORT**

Link to final report:

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***REPORT 1: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - Are We Covered?***

Link to full report:

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The 2018/19 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury examined the emergency medical services provided to the residents of the county in this report. The focus was limited to a review of paramedic services and Emergency Medical Technician services that are called upon every day of the year and which the citizens are likely to utilize. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are provided by San Luis Ambulance Company and the Cooperative Fire Programs Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement with Cal Fire through Memorandums of Agreement with the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors.

The Grand Jury concluded with six findings and two recommendations in their report. Their responses are charted below.

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Findings Agreed With</b>	<b>Findings Partially Agreed with</b>	<b>Findings Not Agreed With</b>
County Emergency Services		2	

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Further Analysis Required</b>
County Fire Chief				1, 2
County Board of Supervisors				1, 2
County Public Health				2

Link to CBOS response:

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Link to Co. EMS response:

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Link to SLO Fire response:

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A summary of responses to Grand Jury recommendations follows:

**Recommendation 1: Additional paramedics should be provided on County-funded engines and added to the next contract.** The County Fire Chief (CFC) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) both responded with further analysis required. They confirmed that the San Luis Obispo Fire Department Strategic Plan of 2012 was due for updating. This process would examine EMS procedures followed by SLO County. As of the date of this report no further analysis has been provided, although their responses stated the plan was for this to happen in the Spring of 2020. It should be noted that the BOS has reviewed and updated the Fire Department Strategic Plan. When preparing this report, no additional response from either CFC or the BOS has been received.

**Recommendation 2: The County EMS Division should improve more options for airway protection by BLS (basic life support) personnel using equipment that limits risky outcomes. This should be accomplished January 1, 2020.** County Public Health, the Board of Supervisors and County Fire Chief responded with further analysis required. No additional response has been received even though it has been reported the County Fire Department has completed its updates to the Fire Protection Master Plan.

**REPORT 2: FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT - Cities Do It, Why Not the County?**

Link to full report:

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The topic for this Grand Jury report emerged as a result the especially devastating California wildfires in recent years, which have caused great loss of life and property. While there is no absolute way to prevent a serious fire, steps can be taken by the county and by individuals to decrease both the risk of fires starting and their severity. Although San Luis Obispo County has created ordinances and guidelines to assist property owners to minimize risks of fire damage, there is no weed abatement ordinance for the county beyond what is required by state law.

In response to these concerns the Grand Jury identified five findings and eight recommendations related to weed abatement, fuel reduction and fire prevention in San Luis Obispo County and requested responses from eight different entities as seen in the following charts.

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Findings Agreed With</b>	<b>Findings Partially Agreed with</b>	<b>Findings Not Agreed With</b>
County Board of Supervisors		2, 3, 4, 5	
County Fire/Cal Fire		2	
County Sheriff	4		
County Emergency Services		3, 4, 5	

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Further Analysis Required</b>
County Board of Supervisors	5, 6		1	2, 3, 4, 8
County Fire Chief/Cal Fire				4
County Sheriff				8
County Emergency Services	5, 6	7		
City of Paso Robles			4, 7	
City of Morro Bay	7		4	
City of San Luis Obispo			7	4
Five Cities Fire	7			4

Links to responses:

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A summary of responses to Grand Jury recommendations follows:

Recommendation 1: **A study should be done to determine the adequacy of state regulations throughout county jurisdictions and determine ways to properly supplement them. This should be accomplished by the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year.** The Board of Supervisors (BOS) will not be implementing this recommendation to determine the adequacy of state regulations in county jurisdictions. A statewide study to determine the scope, efficacy and impact of state regulations on local jurisdictions would be helpful to determine whether local regulations could augment unmet fire safety needs, if any.

Recommendation 2: **As recommended in the previously cited 2017 Cal Fire report, the BOS should implement a countywide weed abatement ordinance, which should also include agricultural properties. This should be accomplished by the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year.** This recommendation requires further analysis. On March 26, 2019, the BOS adopted Ordinance No. 3386 amending Title 16 of the San Luis Obispo County Fire Protection Code, to provide for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and rubbish in County Service Area No.10 – Cayucos. A countywide ordinance has been considered and is being studied further.

Recommendation 3: **The County should develop a weed abatement ordinance that is consistent with the cities’ regulations.** The BOS has indicated that this recommendation requires further analysis. As indicated in Recommendation 2, the BOS adopted Ordinance No.3386 to provide for the abatement of fire hazardous weeds and rubbish in County Service Area 10. In addition to this, a countywide ordinance has been considered and is being studied further.

Recommendation 4: **The County and all city fire jurisdictions should offer a chipping program similar to Atascadero. Funds may be available through the Fire Safe Program. A plan for this should be accomplished by the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year.** The BOS has adopted the response of the County Fire Chief for this recommendation and determined that it requires further analysis. The vast area covered by County Fire, the costs of such a program, the availability of staff to conduct the work, and the need to purchase and maintain several chippers and vehicles must be evaluated along with a funding source(s). Analysis was to be completed by

November 30, 2019. As of this date the Grand Jury has not received a follow up response from the BOS or County Fire. The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department has indicated that this recommendation requires further analysis as an option to community fuel reduction projects as part of the recently completed San Luis Obispo City Community Wildlife Protection Plan (CWPP).

The Five Cities Fire Authority has indicated that this recommendation requires further analysis. They have requested special funding that was not available and the cost of this program would need to be weighed against other existing community priorities. The City of Morro Bay disagreed with this recommendation. As in all communities in San Luis Obispo County, Morro Bay's weed abatement program and the green waste program through Morro Bay Garbage Service has proven to be sufficient for the lighter vegetation fuel load removal in that city. The City of Paso Robles disagreed with this recommendation. In lieu of a chipping program, Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services has initiated two significant hazardous fuel reduction projects, the Fern Canyon Fuel Break and the Salinas Riverbed Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project.

**Recommendation 5: The County should work with the cities in a concerted effort to educate the public on detailed and coordinated evacuation plans. Various ways to disseminate this information may include all types of County or city mail communications. Public Service Announcements, websites, and other forms of communication are also informative.** The BOS adopted the response of the County Office of Emergency Services who has implemented this recommendation. Both agencies are currently working with all operational area partners in disseminating emergency planning and preparedness information.

**Recommendation 6: Plans should be implemented to incorporate the PG&E siren warning system for any and all emergencies where evacuation is warranted.** The BOS has adopted the response of the County Office of Emergency Services and the recommendation has been implemented. The San Luis Obispo County Early Warning System (EWS) sirens are incorporated into each of the County's emergency response plans where protective actions may be directed. This includes nuclear power, tsunami, dam/levee, hazardous material, and fire response plans.

Recommendation 7: **Cities should investigate installing additional warning systems where there are no existing sirens. A draft plan should be finalized by the end of the fiscal year 2019- 20.** The BOS has adopted the response of the County Office of Emergency Services and the recommendation has been implemented. The County Office of Emergency Services has indicated that this recommendation has been partially implemented for five of the seven cities within the county of San Luis Obispo. The cities of Atascadero and Paso Robles are not in the Emergency Planning Zone and these cities would need to make the decision to purchase, install and maintain an EWS siren network for their respective jurisdictions.

The City of Paso Robles disagreed with this recommendation. Their primary emergency alert system is through the SLO County Sheriff's Office Reverse 911 system. Morro Bay is currently in Protection Action Zone-9 and is covered by the PG&E siren system, which is described in the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant annex in both Morro Bay's and San Luis Obispo County Emergency Management Plan. The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department disagreed with this recommendation. The City has clear policy and a variety of mechanisms to communicate emergency information.

The Five Cities Fire Authority have implemented this recommendation and the communities served are all located in Plan Protection Action Zone 10 related to Diablo Canyon Power Plant emergency planning and are served by the siren network.

Recommendation 8: **The Sheriff's Office should provide Reverse 911 registration information to county and city agencies for dissemination via bills or other routine mail communication. This information should include a procedure for registering by phone.**

The Board of Supervisors has adopted the response of the County Sheriff's Office and the recommendation will require further analysis. Any cost to mail such a notification is not budgeted in the current fiscal year and would require funding. The Sheriff's Office will examine the cost and feasibility of a mailer.

**REPORT 3: SCHOOL DEVELOPER FEES REVISITED: Differing Interpretations?**

Link to full report:

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The 2018/19 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury examined school developer fees based on a complaint filed by a county citizen. Their investigation looked specifically at how developers are notified of their right to protest fees, how the funds from these fees are maintained and accounted for, how the public can inform themselves of utilization of these fees, and who provides oversight for school developer fees.

State Law requires school developer fees to be maintained in separate accounts and are used exclusively for expansion and/or improvement of school facilities necessary to meet the demand resulting from new construction or expansion. The law also requires that reports are made available to the public in an easily accessible manner with a clear accounting of how funds are expended. The result of their investigation showed permissive and expansive interpretations of these laws within SLO County. The County Superintendent of Education takes no role to determine if developer fees have been used appropriately as part of their audits of school districts.

Four of the ten county school districts along with the County Office of Education were selected to respond to some of the ten findings and six recommendations in the report.

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Findings Agreed With</b>	<b>Findings Partially Agreed with</b>	<b>Findings Not Agreed With</b>
Atascadero School District	6	1	7, 8, 9
Lucia Mar School District	1		7, 8, 9
San Luis Coastal School District		1, 8	7, 8, 9, 10
Paso Robles School District	5	1, 9	7, 8
SLO County Office of Education	1, 10		2, 7, 8

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>
Atascadero School District	1, 4		
Lucia Mar School District	4		
San Luis Coastal School District	1, 4		
Paso Robles School District	1, 4		
SLO County Office of Education		2	3, 6

Links to responses:

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A summary of responses to the Grand Jury recommendations follows:

Recommendation 1. **All school districts must immediately begin providing the required written notice to developers of their right to protest the imposition of developer fees.** The three school districts required to respond, Atascadero, Paso Robles and San Luis Coastal agreed with this finding and have updated their forms to provide developers with proper notice.

Recommendation 2. **The County Office of Education (COE) should provide and require the school districts to use a standardized format for the notice of the right to protest the payment of developer fees. This form should be developed by January 1, 2020.** The COE responded that this recommendation has been partially implemented as it has provided a standard form to all school districts but added it is not the role of the COE to “require” school districts to adopt any specific form or practice regarding developer fees.

Recommendation 3. **The Superintendent of Schools for San Luis Obispo County shall verify that every district is providing the required written notice to developers of their right to protest the imposition of developer fees.** The COE did not implement this recommendation because it is not authorized by law to take such action. It does however provide resources regarding the collection, tracking and use of developer fees.

Recommendation 4. **Each school district must maintain its developer fees in a separate account as required by law, and not co-mingle these with other funds.** Atascadero, Lucia Mar,

San Luis Coastal and Paso Robles School Districts all responded that they maintain school developer fee funds in separate accounts according to legal requirements.

Recommendation 5. **All districts should report their developer fees, including the mandated annual and five-year reports, on their websites, in a prominently indexed and reasonably clear and accessible manner.** None of the agencies were asked to respond to this recommendation.

Recommendation 6. **The School Boards for each district in San Luis Obispo County shall ensure that their district’s developer funds have been properly used and sign a certificate of compliance.** The County Office of Education was asked to respond to this recommendation and said it would not implement it based on the recommendation being directed to School Board Trustee groups and its interpretation that the recommendation falls beyond the purview of the COE.

***REPORT 4: AFFORDABLE HOUSING - An Urgent Problem for Our Community***

Link to full report:

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This investigation by the 2018/19 Grand Jury was self-generated and set out to understand what is meant by “affordable housing.” They discovered San Luis Obispo County is one of the least affordable places to live in California. In this county, the average wage earner is priced out of homeownership, and for those who rent, the cost is a significant portion of their monthly budget. Those in lower income categories find housing has become more expensive and increasingly more difficult to locate. As stated in the report, the lack of affordable housing presents a long-term threat to the economic vitality and social fabric of the county.

The Grand Jury concluded with eleven findings and six recommendations as noted in the chart below and requested responses from all seven city managers within SLO County as well as the SLO Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer and the County Director for Building and Planning.

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Findings Agreed With</b>	<b>Findings Partially Agreed with</b>	<b>Findings Not Agreed With</b>
County Board of Supervisors		6, 7	
County Admin Office		6, 7	
County Building & Planning			
City of Arroyo Grande			6, 7
City of Atascadero			6, 7
City of Grove Beach	7		6
City of Morro Bay	6		7
City of Paso Robles	6, 7		
City of Pismo Beach		7	6
City of San Luis Obispo			6, 7

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Further Analysis Required</b>
County Board of Supervisors	6	2	1, 5	
County Admin Office	6	2	4, 5	
County Building & Planning	3, 6	2	1, 5	
City of Arroyo Grande	2, 5	6		1, 4
City of Atascadero	1, 2, 4, 5, 6			
City of Grover Beach	1, 2	6		4, 5
City of Morro Bay	2	6		1, 4, 5
City of Paso Robles	1	2, 6		4, 5
City of Pismo Beach	2	1, 6		4, 5
City of San Luis Obispo	1	2, 6		4, 5

Links to responses:

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A summary of responses to the Grand Jury recommendations follows:

**Recommendation 1: Reassess and improve processes to fast-track building and planning permit approvals within 12 months from date of application. This should be implemented within FY 2019-20.** The BOS and County Department of Planning and Building will not implement this recommendation declaring it is “not reasonable” and citing that city permitting processes are in the purview of each city. The cities of Atascadero, Grover Beach, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo have implemented this recommendation. Pismo Beach is considering this recommendation as part of its on-going effort to expedite the permitting process. Arroyo Grande

and Morro Bay require further study citing the desire to expedite permits is often influenced by factors beyond the city's direct control.

**Recommendation 2: Create, file and publish the required housing element documents and reports on time and in a form easily accessible to the public. This should be done by the next report cycle.** All three county agencies partially agreed with this recommendation and report they are working on a consolidated, user-friendly report that would be published annually on the county website. The cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Morro Bay and Pismo Beach all report implementation of this recommendation for transparency and availability of housing reports. Paso Robles intends to have their report more easily accessible in the next reporting cycle, and San Luis Obispo will publish their report as part of their General Plan Annual Report.

**Recommendation 3: Either increase in-lieu fees to realistically support the construction cost of inclusionary housing units or eliminate the fees altogether and require low-income housing construction. This should be accomplished within the FY 2019-20.** County Planning and Building responded that this recommendation has been implemented by creating a tiered rate structure that will generate more funding for affordable housing.

**Recommendation 4: The cities and County should concentrate on promoting rentals for families earning below moderate incomes by increasing the percentage of required inclusionary housing units.** The county responded that this recommendation is not warranted and therefore will not be implemented. They feel they have addressed this issue by generating additional funding for construction of affordable housing units. All cities within the county with the exception of Atascadero require further analysis of this recommendation. Atascadero has one of the highest percentages of affordable housing in SLO County, twice that required by the State.

**Recommendation 5: Increase the opportunities through re-zoning for non-traditional housing options, such as modular homes, pre-fabricated homes, and mobile home parks. This should be accomplished within FY 2020-21.** All three county agencies responded that they are not implementing this recommendation because it is not warranted. Zoning requirements generally do not prohibit most non-traditional housing options while CC&Rs do. Arroyo Grande currently

allows for non-traditional housing through their standard permitting process and Atascadero is reviewing and updating policies, which would generate more affordable housing options. Grover Beach, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo are all studying this option further.

**Recommendation 6: The cities and County should detail their specific plans to engage the public in the formulation of the 2020-2028 Housing Plan Update.** All respondents, county and city, have adopted or plan to adopt this recommendation for citizen engagement in their housing plan updates.

***REPORT 5: INSPECTION REPORT FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION FACILITIES***

Link to full report:

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This report was based on the 2018-19 Grand Jury’s statutorily required annual inspections of all public prisons, including state prison, county jails, juvenile halls and holding cells utilized by law enforcement and courthouses. The Grand Jury took a detailed look at issues related to changes in population and programming in the County Jail. It specifically focused on housing, food, and transportation of inmates. Studies were conducted of the medical and mental health treatment of the inmates. This report consisted of 14 findings and 8 recommendations. Not all findings and recommendations required responses.

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Findings Agreed With</b>	<b>Findings Partially Agreed with</b>	<b>Findings Not Agreed With</b>
California Men’s Colony			
SLO County Jail	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14	12	9
SLO County Juvenile Hall		8	
SLO County Coroner	10, 11		
SLO County Crime Lab			
Psychiatric Health Facility		13, 14	

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Implemented</b>	<b>Partially Implemented</b>	<b>Not Implemented</b>	<b>Further Analysis Required</b>
SLO County Sheriff	1, 2		3, 4, 5	6
SLO County Health Dept. Director				7, 8
SLO County Sheriff Chief Medical Officer	1		3	
Atascadero Police Dept.	6			
Morro Bay Police Dept.				6
Pismo Beach Police Dept.				6
San Luis Obispo Police Dept.				6
Grover Beach Police Dept.				6
Paso Robles Police Dept.				6
County Board of Supervisors			3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8

Links to responses:

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A summary of responses to the Grand Jury recommendations follows:

**Recommendation 1: Monitor and report clinical outcomes from medical treatment provided by Wellpath.** The SLO County Sheriff’s Office and Chief Medical Officer have implemented this recommendation within the SLO County Jail. Monitoring of all treatment provided by Wellpath is done on a continual basis by the Chief Medical Officer and her team.

**Recommendation 2: Implement a best practices study of ways to manage increasing gang activity.** This recommendation has been implemented. The Sheriff’s Office has focused on training, awareness and responses to increased violence within the Custody Division. Increased training has been provided to new officers during the Core Academy mandated by Standards of Training and Corrections. Increased collaboration with detectives in the Gang Task Force has also increased identification and prosecution of gang offenses within the custody environment.

**Recommendation 3: Hire a full-time assistant to perform autopsy clean-up and other duties to make daily operations more efficient.** The Sheriff’s Office would like to add a full-time position for these duties, however at this time the county does not have the funding. The SLO

County Sheriff's Chief Medical Officer agrees with the additional staff recommendation. The BOS has indicated that the recommendation will not be implemented based on budget constraints.

**Recommendation 4: Provide a Coroner's Facility expansion plan by the end of the fiscal year 2019-2020. This will include sources of funding and focus on future needs of the department.**

The SLO County Sheriff's Office will not be implementing this recommendation, as they believe this facility meets their needs at this time. The BOS will not be implementing this recommendation based on budget constraints.

**Recommendation 5: The empty airport terminal buildings (should) be considered for additional space since there are no current plans for redevelopment.** The Sheriff's Office will not implement this recommendation. The current Coroner's location was just opened four years ago and currently meets their needs. Additional space would not be a reasonable financial expense. The BOS will not implement this recommendation based on budget constraints.

**Recommendation 6: Crime Lab should provide the same training to city law enforcement agencies for handling DNA evidence as they do for Sheriff Deputies.** The Atascadero Police Department has implemented this recommendation and has highly trained personnel who are proficient in the collection of evidence from crime scenes including the collection of DNA evidence. The Sheriff's Office indicated that this recommendation requires further review and that they provide training only for their employees. Police Departments have the responsibility to train their personnel. The Sheriff's Office will work with the Police Departments to examine their needs for assistance. The BOS has determined that the recommendation needs further analysis according to the SLO Sheriff's Department review above. The Police Departments of Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles have all indicated that further analysis was necessary. This analysis requires discussion with the Sheriff's Office to work out the logistics for providing such training.

**Recommendation 7: Continue physical improvements to the existing PHF.** The SLO County Health Department Director responded further analysis is necessary as significant upgrades have been completed and the county is committed to maintaining the functionality of the Psychiatric

Health Facility (PHF). The BOS has also requested further analysis as they embark on a future master-planning project for county health care facilities.

Recommendation 8: **Consider expansion into other areas of the building.** This recommendation refers to the PHF facility, at the time these recommendations were made. The SLO County Health Department Director has indicated that this recommendation will require further analysis as other spaces on the same level of the Health Agency building are not suitable or are currently occupied by other county services and programs. The BOS has indicated that this recommendation will require further analysis as they continue work on their master planning project.

### REQUIRED RESPONSES

This is an informational report. No responses are required.

Presiding Judge	Grand Jury
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