

CONTINUITY AND RESPONSE REPORT
Follow Up to the 2024-2025
Fresno County Civil Grand Jury Reports



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2025-2026 Fresno County Civil Grand Jury
Report #2
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SUMMARY

The Fresno County Civil Grand Jury monitors the required responses from government entities to Findings and Recommendations by previous juries. Jurors then determine whether those responses are complete and legally sufficient according to Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05. The 2025-26 Civil Grand Jury (CGJ) reviewed responses to the 2024-25 Civil Grand Jury reports to determine whether mandatory responses were received. In addition, the CGJ followed up with the entities about implementing the Recommendations in the 2024-25 reports.

BACKGROUND

The California Constitution requires each county to empanel a Civil Grand Jury and publish a report at the conclusion of its one-year term. The report identifies Findings and Recommendations for selected government entities and elected officials in each county to improve government operations and efficiency. The Penal Code requires government entities to submit responses to the Findings and Recommendations of the Civil Grand Jury to the Presiding Superior Court Judge within 90 days of the date of the report's publication. Elected County officials are required to submit responses within 60 days of publication. The required responses must state whether the entity or elected County official agrees or disagrees with the specific Findings and Recommendations of the report and whether the recommendations have been or will be implemented. If the Recommendations are not implemented, then the response must explain why not.

This report focuses on the Penal Code requirements for responding to the Civil Grand Jury's Recommendations. The responses by the government entity must include whether each Recommendation:

- was implemented with a summary of the action taken
- will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation

- requires further analysis or study with an explanation and the scope, parameters, and time frame for the matter to be presented for discussion, not to exceed six months from the date of publication
- will not be implemented because the entity deems it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation

METHODOLOGY

The CGJ reviewed the 2024-25 Civil Grand Jury final reports. It identified entities and elected officials required to submit written responses and noted those who had complied. The CGJ then reviewed the submitted responses to ensure compliance with the Penal Code provisions.

DISCUSSION

The CGJ received all the required responses from the 2024-25 reports. [“View All 2024-2025 Fresno County Civil Grand Jury Reports & Responses.”](#) The CGJ sent follow-up letters to the various entities to request status reports regarding agreed-upon Recommendations. While the Penal Code does not require implementation status reports, some government entities provided them upon request. The table below provides the implementation status as of the date the Grand Jury completed its investigation for Recommendations that were agreed upon by respondents.

2024-25 Civil Grand Jury Reports and Received Responses

Report Title	Responses Received	Status
The Brown Act. Is it being taken seriously by Fresno County school districts?	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Fresno Unified School District Board of Education	No follow up required
Special assessment transparency on the Fresno County property tax bill: How can it be improved?	Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector	Follow up response requested, not received as of 5/27/2026
Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health: Will the Department be able to meet current and future challenges?	Fresno County Board of Supervisors Director, Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health Fresno County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer -Tax Collector	Follow up response received.
How is the City of Fowler addressing Water Contamination?	Fowler City Council	Implementation in process.

FINDINGS

F1 – The Civil Grand Jury followed up on responses for two of the four reports for the 2024-2025 year; one report’s follow-up response was received, and the second report’s follow-up response was pending as of May 26, 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

The CGJ analyzed the 2024-25 CGJ reports, Findings, and Recommendations and found all required responses have been received. The CGJ acknowledges the contributions of the Required Respondents and the Invited Respondents. These responses demonstrate organizational accountability and transparency.

Governmental entities or elected officials who fail to submit required responses undermine the mission and the work of the Civil Grand Jury. This is a disservice to the residents of Fresno County and a missed opportunity to provide accountability and transparency to the public.

By publishing this report, the CGJ is holding the entities and elected officials accountable.

REFERENCES

Civil Grand Jury Report 2024-2025 Fresno County, CA. “[View All 2024-2025 Fresno County Civil Grand Jury Reports & Responses](#)”

Penal Code Section 933 “[Complete Text of Penal Code Section 933](#)”

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