



June 18, 2019

Ms. Lisa Natusch  
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Mountain View, California 94041

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Dear Ms. Natusch:

The 2018-2019 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury is transmitting to you its Final Report, **Inquiry into the Governance of the Valley Transportation Authority.**

California Penal Code § 933(c) requires that a governing body of the particular public agency or department which has been the subject of a Grand Jury final report shall respond within 90 days to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under the control of the governing body. California Penal Code § 933.05 contains guidelines for responses to Grand Jury findings and recommendations and is attached to this letter.

**Please note:**

1. As stated in Penal Code § 933.05(a), attached, you are required to "Agree" or "Disagree" with the applicable Finding: 1. If you disagree, in whole or part, you must include an explanation of the reasons you disagree.
2. As stated in Penal Code § 933.05(b), attached, you are required to respond to each applicable Recommendation: 1c, 1d, and 1e with one of four possible actions.

Your comments are due to the office of the Honorable Deborah A. Ryan, Presiding Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court, 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113, no later than **Monday, September 16, 2019.**

Copies of all responses shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pedersen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Pedersen  
Foreperson  
2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury

Encl.: **Inquiry into the Governance of the Valley Transportation Authority**

## California Statutes Annotated - 2018

West's Annotated California Codes

Penal Code ([Refs & Annos](#))

Part 2. Of Criminal Procedure ([Refs & Annos](#))

Title 4. Grand Jury Proceedings ([Refs & Annos](#))

Chapter 3. Powers and Duties of Grand Jury ([Refs & Annos](#))

Article 2. Investigation of County, City, and District Affairs ([Refs & Annos](#))

West's Ann.Cal.Penal Code § 933.05

§ 933.05. Responses to findings

### Currentness

(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:

(1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.

(2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

(3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

(4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall

respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decisionmaking authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

(d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.

(e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.

(f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.

#### Credits

(Added by [Stats.1996, c. 1170 \(S.B.1457\)](#), § 1. Amended by [Stats.1997, c. 443 \(A.B.829\)](#), § 5.)

#### HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

##### 2008 Main Volume

[Stats.1997, c. 443 \(A.B.829\)](#), in subs. (a) and (b), in the introductory paragraphs, substituted “(b)” for “(c)”; in subd. (b)(3), substituted “head” for “director”; in subd. (c), inserted “agency or” throughout; inserted subd. (e), relating to investigations and meetings with the grand jury; and, in subd. (f), substituted “presiding” for “supervising”.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Grand jury defined, see [Penal Code § 888](#).

Words and phrases, “county”, see [Penal Code § 691](#).

#### RESEARCH REFERENCES

##### Encyclopedias

[Cal. Jur. 3d Criminal Law: Pretrial Proceedings § 716](#), Recommendations and Reporting.

[Cal. Jur. 3d Criminal Law: Pretrial Proceedings § 717](#), Responses to Findings.

##### Treatises and Practice Aids

[Witkin, California Criminal Law 4th Introduction to Criminal Procedure § 43](#), Reports.

West's Ann. Cal. Penal Code § 933.05, CA PENAL § 933.05

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