

**The Sutter County
Board of Supervisors' Response to the**

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**Sutter County Grand Jury
Final Report**



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August 27, 2019

The Honorable Susan E. Green
Presiding Judge of the Sutter County Superior Court
1175 Civic Center Boulevard
Yuba City, CA 95993

Dear Judge Green:

On behalf of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, I am herewith submitting its response to the findings and recommendations of the 2018-19 Grand Jury. The response of the Board of Supervisors serves as the response from the County Administrative Officer and the Fire Chief. The Board of Supervisors has responded to the following reports as request by the Sutter County Grand Jury:

- Sutter County Fire Department
- Sutter County Jail
- Sutter County Sheriff's Department

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors and administration thanks the Grand Jurors for their service to the citizens of Sutter County. Grand Jury service requires a great amount of time and effort and each juror's dedication is truly appreciated.

I would be happy to meet with the Grand Jury to discuss any or all of these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M. Smith", written in a cursive style.

Steven M. Smith
Interim County Administrator

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Sutter County Fire Department

The Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer and Sutter County Fire Chief were requested to respond to this report. Below is the response from the Board of Supervisors that serves as the response from the County Administrative Officer as well as the Fire Chief.

FINDINGS

Grand Jury Finding #1:

"F1: The cost of providing service for area F has outpaced the revenue received."

Grand Jury Finding #2:

"F2: The Special Fire Tax has not been increased since 1997."

Grand Jury Finding #3:

"F3: The Sutter County General Fund does not contribute to CSA-F."

Grand Jury Finding #4:

"F4: CSA-F has repaid \$531,965 of the loan received from Sutter County leaving a balance of \$453,035."

Grand Jury Finding #5:

"F5: The use of grants to subsidize the cost of equipment and staffing is underutilized."

Grand Jury Finding #6:

"F6: Oswald-Tudor and Sutter Fire Stations have only one firefighter on staff for each shift."

Grand Jury Finding #7:

"F7: The Oswald-Tudor building needs a third exhaust ventilation system installed."

Grand Jury Finding #8:

"F8: Oswald-Tudor bays and sleeping accommodations need to be remodeled."

Grand Jury Finding #9:

"F9: Emergency vehicles are reaching their life expectancy."