RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the response of the Board of Supervisors to the 2002-2003 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report and direct the County Administrative Officer to transmit the response to the Presiding Judge of the Mariposa County Superior Court.

The California Penal Code requires that affected Department Heads and the Board of Supervisors respond to each year’s Final Grand Jury Report within the specified time limits. The Board as governing body of the public agency must comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under its control within ninety days of when the Grand Jury submits its final report. The Final Report was released to the public on July 23, 2003, so the Board’s response is due by October 23, 2003.

The draft response references the findings and recommendations of the report rather than restating them. It can best be understood by reading the draft response in conjunction with the Grand Jury Final Report.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has responded to the Grand Jury Final Report in previous years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Approve the draft response with revisions.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote
Contingency 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Draft Response
Excerpts from Grand Jury Report
Department Head Responses

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 8-SS88  Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes: 5  Nocs: _____
Absent: _____
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
/\ Requested Action Recommended
\ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
August 12, 2003

Honorable F. Dana Walton
Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
Post Office Box 28
Mariposa, California  95338

Dear Judge Walton:

I agree with the findings of the 2002-03 Mariposa County Grand Jury report regarding the oversight of the County Auditors Office. The Grand Jury recommended that the newly allocated Accountant II position in the Auditor’s department be responsible for inventory control of fixed assets and to initiate internal audits to assure accountability of fiscal resources. County Administrative staff will assist the Auditor in developing and implementing fixed asset inventory control and internal audits.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of the Grand Jury for their efforts and commitment on behalf of the County. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

RICHARD H. INMAN
County Administrative Officer

RI/mbh

cc: Board of Supervisors
August 12, 2003

Honorable F. Dana Walton
Presiding Judge
Mariposa County Superior Court
Post Office Box 28
Mariposa, California 95338

Dear Judge Walton:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors agrees with the findings of the 2002-03 Mariposa County Grand Jury report regarding the action: Grand Jury Office Improvement. Last fiscal year the Board of Supervisors obtained a secure and separate office space for the Grand Jury, and included sufficient funding in the Final Budget for the lease agreement, telephone expenses, office expense, and the purchase of a personal computer and copier/scanner/fax machine.

The Grand Jury recommended that the Board continue to support the functions of the Grand Jury by providing basic needs and services for its use. Sufficient funding is included in the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2003-04 Proposed Budget that will allow the Grand Jury to continue with the lease agreement and basic operating expenses.

The Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Grand Jury in fulfilling their responsibilities. Please contact me if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
BOB PICKARD
Chairman

BP/mbh

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board