

GRAND JURY ~ FINAL REPORT DISTRIBUTION

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The Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury is considering changing that way it distributes its final report. Currently they produce numerous hard copies of its final report each year and they are now contemplating going fully electronic. In addition to posting its final report on the courts website, they would like to produce CDs of the final report as a cost saving measure instead of the costly paper version. I don't believe they will be able to go fully electronic as some hard copies will still be required (one filed for our court records, one for the State Archivist, etc) but I think they won't need to reproduce as many hard copies as in the past.

For those of you that interact or have contact with your civil grand jury, have your juries gone towards electronic versions of its final report?

1	Margaret Sackrider-White	Alpine posts the report and responses on line which can be downloaded and printed. We also print approximately 20 hard copies. Additionally, the County Clerk gets an electronic copy which she prints if asked. We have not yet gone to CD, but it's a good idea.
2	Edwina Harper	Yolo - This past year was the first time we produced the final report on CD as well as hard copy. This allowed us to reduce the number of hard copies required. I believe we have six or seven libraries in our county, so we sent them 2 hard copies and 1 CD, we sent 6 hard copies and 1 CD to the BOS. We gave hard copies to each of the judges, but normally they return those copies to the Jury Service Office. In addition to those hard copies, I have 4 CDs. The balance of the reports and CDs are kept at the Grand Jury's county office. Since this was the first year, they were afraid to reduce the number of hard copies printed by a wider margin, but I believe that will change next year once we determine how many copies are still sitting around from this past report
3	Sherry Spears	Fresno prints a mix of hard copies and CD's. We started several years ago when our County Administrative Office put a cap on the amount that the final report could cost and CD's are much cheaper to make.
4	Debbie Cravea	<p>The Napa County Grand Jury handles all aspects of printing and distribution of its reports, so I am unsure about the number of hard copies it prints each year. As far as I know, they do not provide electronic copies to responding agencies. I know for certain they provide the Court Executive Office with a hard copy of <u>each</u> (see below) of the reports for each judicial officer and Court Executive Officer, and two copies to the Court Administrative Assistant for our file and one to the State Archivist. We also receive an electronic version just prior to, or immediately after, distribution to the appropriate agencies. The electronic version is given to our IT Department, which posts it on the Grand Jury page of the Court's website.</p> <p>Over the past few years, the Grand Jury has prepared final reports (versus interim) on various subjects (14 one year!), and instead of waiting to print/distribute/publish one large final report, they will print/distribute/publish multiple final reports throughout their fiscal year, and then just before June 30, they consolidate the reports into one large "Consolidated Final Report" and have it printed. I do not know how many copies of the Consolidated Report are printed. It has been suggested to the grand jury that they hold off on the printing of these multiple reports and instead print/distribute/publish just the final report.</p> <p>It would be wonderful to go to CD -- in addition to the money/trees saved, could it be a great time saver (maybe smaller reports could be distributed via e-mail to responding agencies, versus hand-delivery)?</p>
5	Rebecca Hayes	<p>Our Civil Grand Jury Liaison has provided the following information for Monterey County:</p> <p>The Monterey County Superior Court has made similar strides in all aspects of the management of the Civil Grand Jury – including the development of an on-line application process, enhancing these to include electronic notifications and other efforts to be 'Green' – reducing waste and associated costs. We have not completely eliminated the printed version of the Civil Grand Jury report, but we do plan to phase as much of it out as possible. This year half of the quantity ordered is printed and half is on CD, with an additional electronic copy</p>

		<p>posted on the Court's website. Copies distributed to local governmental agencies, department heads and county libraries will be in the form of a CD. Printed copies will be made available only to those specifically requesting them. We hope to reduce the number of printed copies further next year by an additional 25% - reducing it to 75/25 ratio.</p>
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