



SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

2024-2025

TIMELY RESPONSES TO 2023-2024 SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORTS

APRIL 1, 2025

Timely Responses to 2023-2024 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Final Reports

I. SUMMARY

Each Civil Grand Jury throughout the State of California honors its Constitutional obligation to investigate issues which affect its county and municipal government operations. Their findings and recommendations can result in improved governmental effectiveness and efficiency which benefits the general public. This report summarizes the status of required responses to the reports the Solano County Civil Grand Jury (SCCGJ) issued for the 2023-2024 session.

II. INTRODUCTION

The 2024-2025 SCCGJ is following the recommendations of the prior two grand juries by undertaking a review of the statutorily required responses to the most recent outstanding 2023-2024 SCCGJ reports.

Failure to provide full and timely responses to SCCGJ reports undermines the ability of the citizens of Solano County to monitor effectively the performance of their local governments and agencies, and is a violation of Penal Code Section 933.05.

III. METHODOLOGY

The SCCGJ of 2024-2025 reviewed all seven reports published by the 2023-2024 SCCGJ. That panel filed those reports between May 1, 2024, and July 1, 2024. The current panel reviewed responses associated with those reports which were received by October 8, 2024; they are included in the following analysis. This deadline allows for the legally-prescribed maximum response time of 90 days from the last report plus ten days for miscellaneous administrative delays.

The detailed results are summarized in the Appendix, “Table of Responses.”

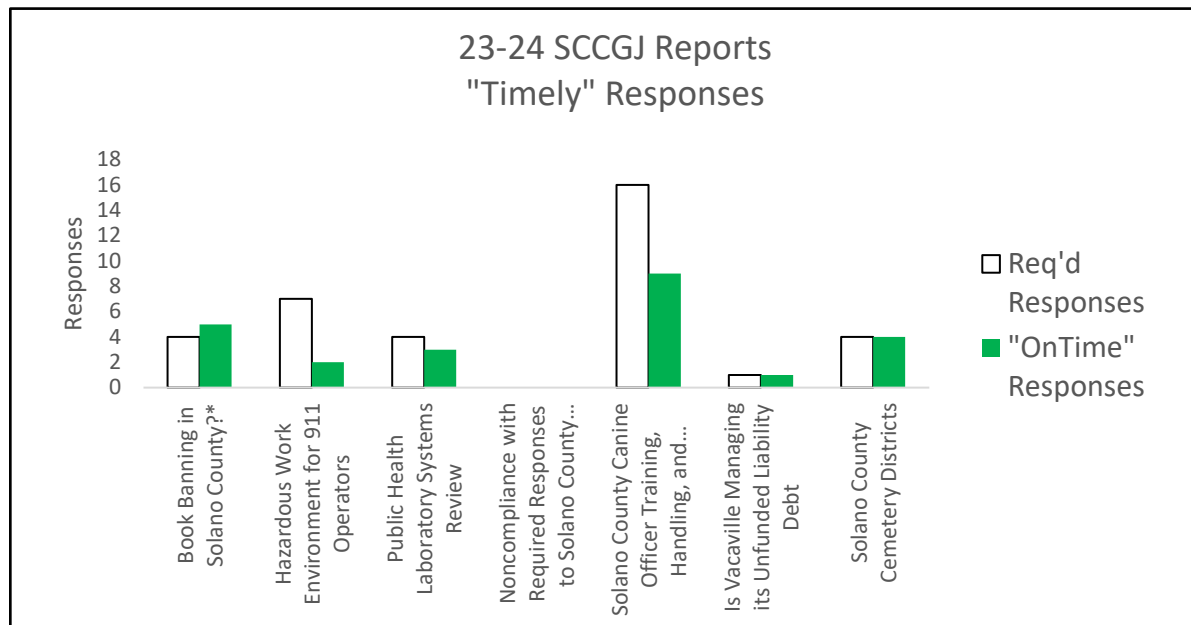
Reviewed:

- [California State Constitution, Article 1, Section 23](#)
- California State Constitution Part 2, Title 4, Chapter 3, Article 2 (California Penal Code) [Section 933 \(c\)](#) and [Section 933.05](#)
- Responses to the 2023-2024 Solano County Civil Grand Jury Reports <https://solano.courts.ca.gov/general-information/civil-grand-jury-overview/reports-responses>

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The 2023-2024 SCCGJ published seven reports. One of the reports was informational and therefore had no required responses. Of the remaining six reports:

- 36 responses were specifically called for:
 - The minimum number of responses called for in a report was 1
 - The maximum number of responses called for in a report was 16
 - The average number of responses per report was 6
- 24 responses were received:
 - There was an average of 4 responses per report
 - All the reports had at least one response
 - One report had less than a 50% response rate
 - Three reports had 100% or more of the required responses
 - One report was within one response of 100% of the required responses
 - One report received additional responses



* One report received an additional response

V. FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

FINDING

The SCCGJ received twenty-two timely responses from the following organizations in response to the following 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury Reports:

- Solano County Public Cemetery Districts
 - Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District
 - Solano Cemetery District
 - Rio Vista-Montezuma Cemetery District
 - Solano County Board of Supervisors
- Is Vacaville Managing its Unfunded Liability Debt?
 - City of Vacaville Mayor
 - City of Vacaville City Council
- Solano County Canine Officer Training, Handling & End of Career Policies
 - Solano County Board of Supervisors
 - Solano County Sheriff's Office
 - City of Fairfield Chief of Police
 - City of Benicia Chief of Police
 - City of Suisun Chief of Police
 - City of Vallejo Chief of Police
 - City of Fairfield City Council
 - City of Suisun City Council
 - City of Vallejo City Council
- Public Health Laboratory Systems Review
 - Solano County Board of Supervisors
 - Solano County Director of Health & Social Services
 - Solano County Director of Public Health
- Hazardous Work Environment for Vallejo's 911 Operators
 - Vallejo City Council
 - Vallejo Interim City Manager
- Book Banning in Solano County?
 - Solano County School Board
 - Benicia Unified School District – on behalf of Solano County School Board
 - Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District – on behalf of Solano County School Board
 - Solano County Board of Supervisors
 - Solano County Office of Education
 - Solano County Director of Library Services

Fourteen called-for responses remain unanswered as of October 8, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

The SCCGJ recommends the remaining open required responses listed in the Appendix be expedited by their respective organizations and filed with the Solano County Superior Court as soon as possible.

COMMENTS

The 2024-2025 SCCGJ commends those respondents who met their obligation(s) of timely response to SCCGJ reports and contributed to the operations of the County.

The 2024-2025 SCCGJ recommends that future panels continue to evaluate and report on the timely responses to Civil Grand Jury reports and share overall compliance results with the Presiding Judge.

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Solano County Board of Supervisors
Presiding Judge, Solano County Superior Court

APPENDIX

TABLE OF RESPONSES

Report	Responding Agency	Date Issued	Date Due	Date Received
Solano County Cemetery Districts		1/Jul/24		
	Solano County Board of Supervisors		29/Sep/24	24/Sep/24
	Rio Vista-Montezuma Cemetery District		30/Aug/24	10/Sep/24
	Solano Cemetery District		30/Aug/24	9/Sep/24
	Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District		30/Aug/24	27/Aug/24
Is Vacaville Managing its Unfunded Liability Debt?		1/Jul/24		
	City of Vacaville Mayor and City Council		29/Sep/24	11/Sep/24
Solano County Canine Officer Training, Handling, and Handling End of Career Policies		21/Jun/24		
	Solano County Board of Supervisors		19/Sep/24	10/Sep/24
	Solano County Sheriff		20/Aug/24	29/Jun/24
	Chief of Police - Benicia		20/Aug/24	2/Oct/24
	Chief of Police - Dixon		20/Aug/24	
	Chief of Police - Fairfield		20/Aug/24	4/Sep/24
	Chief of Police - Rio Vista		20/Aug/24	
	Chief of Police - Suisun City		20/Aug/24	15/Jul/24
	Chief of Police - Vacaville		20/Aug/24	
	Chief of Police - Vallejo		20/Aug/24	11/Sep/24
	City Council - Benicia		19/Sep/24	
	City Council - Dixon		19/Sep/24	
	City Council - Fairfield		19/Sep/24	4/Sep/24
	City Council - Rio Vista		19/Sep/24	
	City Council - Suisun City		19/Sep/24	27/Aug/24
	City Council - Vacaville		19/Sep/24	
	City Council - Vallejo		19/Sep/24	11/Sep/24

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Public Health Laboratory Systems Review		21/Jun/24		
	Solano County Board of Supervisors		19/Sep/24	27/Aug/24
	Health & Social Services Director		19/Sep/24	2/Jul/24
	Director, Public Health		19/Sep/24	26/Jun/24
	Department of Information Technology		19/Sep/24	
Hazardous Work Environment for 911 Operators		21/Jun/24		
	Vallejo City Council		19/Sep/24	11/Sep/24
	Vallejo Interim City Manager		19/Sep/24	11/Sep/24
	Vallejo Interim City Police Chief		20/Aug/24	
	Vallejo Mayor		19/Sep/24	
	Vallejo Public Works Director		20/Aug/24	
	Vallejo RISK Management		20/Aug/24	
	Vallejo Human Resources Manager		20/Aug/24	
Book Banning in Solano County?		1/May/24		
	Solano County Board of Supervisors		30/Jul/24	23/Jul/24
	Solano County School Board		30/Jun/24	*
	Benicia USD with Benicia Public Library			18/Jun/24
	Fairfield-Suisun USD			21/Jun/24
	Solano County Office of Education		30/Jun/24	1/May/24
	Solano County Director of Library Services		30/Jun/24	11/Jun/24
	Solano County Public School Library Directors		30/Jun/24	

**Note: Solano County School Board deferred to local School Boards*