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The 2010 - 2011 Yolo County Grand Jury today released the just-completed results of investigations on six departments and agencies. The public can access the reports at the Grand Jury website: <http://www.yolocounty.org/index.aspx?page=780>.

The reports concern investigations into the County Jail and Juvenile Hall; the performance of the County Elections Office during the November 2010 election; and selected matters within the county's Division of General Services and Housing Authority and the Woodland Police Department. Departments have 90 days to respond to the recommendations. The Grand Jury will release the remainder of this year's investigative reports on June 30th.

The Grand Jury was pleased to find these departments, offices and agencies generally performing well in the matters studied despite staffing and budgetary reductions that several have experienced. The Grand Jury had not reviewed the Elections Office in ten years but gave it high marks for competence, efficiency, and service. The Grand Jury was also particularly impressed with results of the Juvenile Hall inspection, noting the expansion of educational and socialization programs that rely on a dedicated cadre of community volunteers.

The Yolo County Grand Jury functions as a citizen 'watchdog' organization to review the operations and performance of county and city governments, school districts, and special districts. Based on these assessments, the Grand Jury publishes its findings and may recommend constructive action to improve the quality and effectiveness of local government.

Recruitment for grand jurors for the 2011 - 2012 term starting July 1, 2011, is currently underway. Information and applications can be found at www.yolo.courts.ca.gov.

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