

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL & RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

MEETING DATE: DEPARTMENT: PHONE NUMBER: REQUESTED BY:	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: REGULAR CONSENT TIMED SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENT ATTACHED: RESOLUTION MEMO AGREEMENT OTHER _____
AGENDA ITEM:	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	
FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND IMPACT:	OTHER FUND: AMOUNT: \$
ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED? YES NO TYPE OF EMPLOYEE	IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? YES NO IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? YES NO
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BOARD ACTION: APPROVED APPROVED AS AMENDED ADOPTED ADOPTED AS AMENDED DENIED OTHER NO ACTION TAKEN	SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR: _____ DIRECTION TO: _____ REFERRED TO: _____ CONTINUED TO: _____ AUTHORIZATION GIVEN TO: _____
BOARD VOTE: BY CONSENSUS AYES: ABSTAIN: NOES: ABSENT:	RESOLUTION 2026- _____ AGREEMENT 2026- _____ ORDINANCE _____
COMMENTS:	

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATE

SIERRA COUNTY GRAND JURY 2025-26

1/8/2026

Paul Roen, Chairman

Sierra County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Chairman Roen,

The 2025-26 Sierra County Grand Jury has the unique powers to investigate and report on local government entities for the purpose of helping those entities improve their operations to better serve the public.

In recent years, financial hardship and cross county mountain travel issues combined with the lack of a dedicated, secure and equipped meeting place have hindered the Grand Jury's ability to serve the best interests of the public.

PC§925 and PC§9333(a) Each year the jury must investigate and report on some aspect of the operations, accounts, and records of at least one county officer, department, or function. All reports must have findings and one or more recommendations. Unlike all adjacent Counties, Sierra County has failed to publish a report with findings/recommendations, for many years.

The Sierra County Grand Jury has voted (8 or more supermajority) to have me present and process the following requests for the Board of Supervisors to consider. They believe these items will promote and sustain Grand Jury success for the best interests of the public:

1. The current meeting rate for Sierra County Grand Jury meetings is \$25, Los Angeles is \$60, and State pilot program rate is \$100. Serving on Grand Jury should not cause undue financial hardship. **The Grand Jury requests: With the current Grand Jury budget more than adequate to support it, we request the Sierra County meeting rate be changed from \$25 to \$50 to encourage and enable more juror participation.**
2. Historically the Grand Jury met in the courtroom but that policy has changed. The Sheriff has generously offered the use of a meeting room and small office space. Neither of these spaces are secure, private spaces that Grand Jury functions require. (24/7 video/audio recording and one-way mirrors are issues). Even Grand Jurors are restricted in having recording devices in meetings. **The Grand Jury requests: a dedicated, secure and equipped (hot spot access and video screen) meeting space be**

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provided, one in Downieville and one in Sierra Valley to promote safe and secure participation by jurors in all kinds of travel issues.

3. The Grand Jury requests the Sierra County Board of Supervisors consider and adopt the attached (or similar) Proclamation of Grand Jury Awareness Month to promote a fully staffed all county representation of the Sierra County Grand Jury.

I look forward to answering any questions about these requests and appreciate in advance the Board of Supervisors willingness to consider these requests.

John Michell, Foreperson

Sierra County Grand Jury 2025-26

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