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**Santa Clara County's Civil Grand Jury Releases FY 2015-16 Reports**  
*The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury will conclude its term today, June 23, 2016.*

SAN JOSÉ, Calif. (June 23, 2016): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara announces the release of four reports for this Civil Grand Jury term. The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury conducted ten onsite visits of local government facilities, including the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County Morgue, the William F. James Boys' Ranch, the Main Jail Complex, Elmwood Correctional Complex and the Crime Lab.

Over the course of its term, the Civil Grand Jury considered 50 complaints, which resulted in four reports. During the investigations into these complaints, the Civil Grand Jury conducted 76 interviews of government officials and employees. The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury volunteered hundreds of hours to ensure the efficiency of local government.

**Department of Revenue: The County's Collection Agency**

"The 2015-2016 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) received and investigated a complaint that the Santa Clara County (County) Department of Revenue (DOR) failed to credit payments to debtors' accounts until months after receipt and imposed excessive late fees and interest." [Report Link](#)

**100-Year Flood Protection for Permanente Creek**

"The 2015-2016 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) investigated a complaint alleging that the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project (Project) of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Water District) is fraudulent and lacking in sound engineering principles." [Report Link](#)

**The City of Santa Clara, The Santa Clara Stadium Authority, Levi's Stadium, and Measure J**

"The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) received a complaint concerning possible nonconformance with certain requirements of The Santa Clara Stadium Taxpayer Protection and Economic Progress Act (Measure J). Allegations were also brought to the Grand Jury's attention concerning the accuracy of time charged by City of Santa Clara (City) employees for stadium business." [Report Link](#)

**Addressing Mental Illness in Santa Clara County Jail**

"California Penal Code section 919(b) requires all California civil grand juries to "inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county." The 2015-2016 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) decided to fulfill its responsibility as citizens working for positive change by investigating and reporting on the training, use of force, and treatment related to mentally ill inmates in Santa Clara County (County) jails." [Report Link](#)

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