

**Grand Jury
El Dorado County**

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To: The citizens of El Dorado County

Re: El Dorado County Grand Jury 2009-2010 Report

Dear fellow citizen,

In June of every year the El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury, which consists of 19 citizen volunteers from all backgrounds, puts out a report based on investigations completed during their 12-month term. This year is no different! However, during this Grand Jury session we focused on the economics of county government and the savings which could be achieved. We discovered many areas where cost savings could be realized.

An area of concern as reported in this report is the governmental functions of the City of South Lake Tahoe. This Grand Jury did extensive investigations into the operational functions of that city and found many areas of concern. Many departments need renewed focus, energy and direction. We strongly urge the residents of the Tahoe basin to read the report and become involved in their city government.

Despite the poor economy we are experiencing in El Dorado County, our county government compared to other counties in the state, is doing a remarkable job of conserving funds. The Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Office and many other departments have made many necessary changes and hard decisions to make El Dorado County economically viable. However, citizen involvement is critical to the success of all governments and El Dorado County is no exception. Become a Grand Jury member and contribute to the success of your county, city and district.

The Grand Jury appreciates the support and guidance from Supervising Judge Steven Bailey, assistance from Judicial Secretary Holly Warren, County Counsel Lou Green and Chief Assistant County Counsel Ed Knapp, Auditor/Controller Joe Ham and his assistant Keely Gonzales and Senior Administrative Assistant Mike Applegarth from the CAO

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene (Ray) Van Asten", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Rene (Ray) Van Asten
Foreman, 2009-2010
El Dorado County Grand Jury