



February 3, 2021

Judge Michael Jurkovich
Madera County Supervising Judge
300 South G Street
Madera, CA 93637

Foreperson
Madera County Grand Jury
PO Box 534
Madera, CA 93639

Subject: Response to the Findings of the Madera County Food Safety / Food Inspections 2019/20 Grand Jury Final Report 1920-04 Published on December 21, 2020

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

Pursuant to California Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), the Community and Economic Development (CED) - Environmental Health Division (EHD) has compiled its responses to the findings and recommendations in the 2019/20 Madera County Grand Jury Final Report 1920-04 entitled "Madera County Food Safety/Food Inspections" published on December 21, 2020.

EHD appreciates all the efforts that the Grand Jury Team has put into this report and please contact me if you have any additional questions about our responses.

Respectfully,

Dexter Marr
Deputy Director
Environmental Health Division

Matt Treber
Madera County
Chief of Development Services





Response:

Agree with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT:

Recommendation 1:

The MCGJ recommends that, beginning fiscal year 21-22, the EHD study the fee structure and elements of inspection (# Inspections*Inspections and Travel Time + fee = Budgetary Allotment). The calculation will provide the number of staff and time required to complete all inspections. Further, if funding is inadequate, request funding from the general fund or raise fees to complete all required FSP inspections on a timely basis.

Response:

The recommendation requires further analysis. EHD will review its fee structure and fee schedule to make the necessary recommendations to our Board of Supervisors, if needed. Most EHD staff are Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), even though staff are assigned to a specific EHD program, staff will be required to assist in other programs as needed to protect public health and safety.

Recommendation 2:

The MCGJ recommends that, beginning fiscal years 21-22, the EHD work within the department to set up a schedule for vehicle usage assignments.

Response:

The recommendation has been implemented. This recommendation is already in practice.





Recommendation 3:

The MCGJ recommends that, beginning fiscal years 21-22 EHD assign risk categories to establishments with inspection failures and impose fines.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in fiscal year 2021-22.

Recommendation 4:

The MCGJ recommends that, beginning fiscal year 21-22, EHD post online food inspection reports result on the EHD website.

Response:

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in fiscal year 2021-22.

