

2020 Nominations List for Best Grand Jury Report (* winner)

County	Grand Jury Report	Synopsis
Alameda	2019-20 Oakland 9-1-1 Communications Center – A Center in Crisis	Despite agency reports of problems in 2017 and 2018, the grand jury found continuing and lengthy delays in the City of Oakland’s emergency response system. These were largely related to understaffing and funding. http://grandjury.acgov.org/grandjury-assets/docs/2019-2020/Oakland911.pdf
Marin*	2018-19 Wildfire Preparedness: A New Approach	The report focused on four aspects related to wildfire danger – vegetation management, educating the public, alerts and evacuation. As a result of their findings and recommendations https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/reports-and-responses/reports-responses/2018-19/wildfire-preparedness-a-new-approach
Santa Clara	2016-17 Justice Delayed: Why Does It Take So Long to Resolve Felonies in Santa Clara County?	Santa Clara County ranks last in resolving felony cases among the 49 California’s counties reporting data. Addressing this issue, the report documents a “culture of complacency” and inadequate data management systems across multiple agencies including the district attorney’s office, public defender’s office, San Jose police, the crime laboratory and the medical examiner-coroner. http://scscourt.org/court_divisions/civil/cgj/2018/Alum%20Rock%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf
Sonoma	2018-19 Will There Be Water After an Earthquake?	The grand jury investigated plans and resources that are in place in the event of a major earthquake, to provide drinking water to residents of the county who receive water from Sonoma Water (over 600,000 customers). They recommended several steps to the agency related to earthquake preparedness. http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/sites/all/assets/pdfs/general-info/grand-jury/2018-2019/WaterReport.pdf

2020 Nominations List for Best Media Coverage (* winning nominee)

County	Nomination
Marin	<i>Point Reyes Light</i> for its coverage of <i>Wildfire Preparedness: A New Approach</i> The <i>Point Reyes Light</i> in West Marin gave the 2018-19 Marin County Grand Jury report excellent coverage. Although there was little coverage of the actual responses to recommendations, the process of establishing the Joint Powers Agency and approving the parcel tax had outstanding coverage. https://www.marincounty.org/depts/gj/reports-and-responses/reports-responses/2018-19/wildfire-preparedness-a-new-approach
Tuolumne*	Alex MacLean covered this report with at least 26 articles through May 2019 in <i>The Union Democrat</i> – from the report’s release through many meetings that eventually led to Tuolumne County and the City of Sonoma dissolving TCEDA. MacLean’s articles were objective and thorough. He captured and reported on the substantial debate on the

issues by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, the Sonora City Council, the TCEDA Board and the highly interested public.

https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10852/GRAND_JURY_FINAL_REPORT-2017-2018