

Corcoran District Hospital

SYNOPSIS

On August 10, 2009, the Grand Jury went to the Corcoran District Hospital to obtain documents related to written complaints received concerning the Ralph M. Brown Act violations.

WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED

The Grand Jury received two complaints against Corcoran District Hospital concerning violations of the Brown Act regarding the public notice of scheduled board meetings and terminology used in agendas.

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code Section 933.5: A Grand Jury may at any time examine the books and records of any special purpose assessing or taxing district in the county.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

The Grand Jury examined Corcoran District Hospital board agendas and minutes from January 2009 to the present.

BACKGROUND OF FACTS

The Corcoran District Hospital has been in existence since 1949. It serves the city of Corcoran as well as Corcoran State Prison and the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility when necessary. The Board of Directors meets on a regular basis.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the data obtained, it was decided by the Grand Jury that the complaints were unfounded.

RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

None