

THE CITY OF AVENAL

WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED

Public Interest.

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code Section 925a. The Grand Jury may at any time investigate and report on the operations of any incorporated city in the county.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

The Grand Jury toured the refurbished Veterans Hall, the reconstructed Avenal Theater, newly built Avenal Animal Control Facility, and the new Avenal Police Department which had been refurbished from the old Avenal Hospital.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS

The Veterans Hall, which is utilized for the city's Senior Nutrition Program, has been remodeled to include some new appliances as well as older, usable appliances for the storage and preparation of meals. The facility was observed to be clean and attractive, and it provides a valuable service for the community. The newly revamped Avenal Theater is truly the showcase of the downtown area. Reconstructed to replicate the original building which had been destroyed by fire, this theater reflects times of old when Avenal was a booming oil town. Boasting two theater screens, this theater shows some of the most recent movie releases and additionally serves to host monthly city council meetings. Banquet and meeting facilities are available with full amenities. The recent creation of the Avenal

Police Department required a new station for police services. Reconstruction of the old Avenal Hospital serves to accommodate this need. The facility has been updated with some of the latest in law enforcement technology and equipment. The desire of the new Avenal Animal Control Center is to be a no kill facility. Animals are now afforded a clean, temperature controlled environment in which to thrive until adoption can be arranged for them. The facility was constructed to accommodate the appropriate segregation of species as well as meeting standards for their humane treatment and appropriate quarantine of infectious disease cases.

COMMENTS

The Grand Jury was impressed that all of the aforementioned facilities were constructed and/or refurbished to serve the community commensurate with it's size, and within it's fiscal abilities. The City of Avenal is observed to have made these improvements by making the most of limited resources.

RESPONSE REOUIREMENT

None required