

**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
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PURPOSE:

The Trinity County Department of Transportation has responsibility for construction, maintenance and operation of county roads, bridges, levees, and the design, construction and supervision of projects performed by or for the county with environmental impacts. The Department of Transportation maintains approximately 700 miles of county roads.

BACKGROUND:

The Grand Jury received two complaints where the individuals were concerned about environmental impacts during road construction and maintenance. The Development and Environmental Committee investigated this and found that the Department of Transportation was found to be in compliance with the contracted agreement and was found they went even farther than what was agreed upon in keeping road dust down and making it as minimal an impact and inconvenience to the public as possible.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

Interviews were done with Department of Transportation, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Building and Development Services, Trinity County Environmental Health, Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Game and R. Brown Construction.

FINDING 1:

The Development and Environmental Committee found that these departments complied with all requirements and recommendations that were required of them, to insure that all work was done on time and all codes were met. The Department of Transportation is going to amend the shoulder of the existing asphalt to bring it up to the road level as time and funding permits.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

The 2005-2006 Grand Jury should follow up on Finding 1 for completion.

CONCLUSION:

The Department of Transportation, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Building and Development Services, Trinity County Environmental Health, Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Game and R. Brown Construction have done a commendable job during a period of severe fiscal limitation.

ENTITY	FINDING	RECOMMENDATION	RESPOND IN
Department of Transportation	1	1	60 days
Trinity County Board of Supervisors	11		90 days