

**TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY
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**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
FINAL REPORT**

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT**

PURPOSE:

The Grand Jury, by law, is charged to investigate complaints received from individuals against a county entity. One such complaint was received against the Trinity County Planning Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Grand Jury received a citizen complaint indicating concerns about a Planning Department policy, not in writing, creating a misunderstanding resulting in costly delays in time and money to the complainant.

METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:

Interviews were done with Trinity County Planning Department, Trinity County Building & Development Services, Trinity County Airport Advisory Committee, Mr. Dave Hunt of Hunt Land Surveying and previous Board of Supervisor member, Paul Fackrell.

FINDING #1:

Planning Department approvals expire after two years if final maps have not been recorded. This is not in writing, so people are not really informed of this expiration. This leads to a misunderstanding by the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION #1:

Trinity County Grand Jury has recommended that applicants be notified of all time limits, in writing, on all approvals to avoid any future misunderstandings.

CONCLUSION:

A letter has been sent to Trinity County Planning Director advising him of this problem, requesting all approvals show time limits, in writing, so there will be no further misunderstandings. Mr. John Jelichich stated to the Grand Jury that he would comply with this request.

The 2005-2006 Grand Jury should follow up on this recommendation to **insure its compliance.**

This Grand Jury would like to commend the Director of Building & Development Services and the Planning Director for their professionalism and cooperation in resolving this complaint.

ENTITY	FINDING	RECOMMENDATION	RESPOND IN
Trinity County Planning Department	1	1	60 days
Trinity County Building & Development Services	1	1	60 days
Trinity County Board of Supervisors	1	1	90 days