



Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Response to the

**2012 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury
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REPORT TITLE: Trauma Care in Monterey County
RESPONSE BY: Monterey County Board of Supervisors
RESPONSE TO: Findings F-1, F-2, and F-3

Finding F-1: The Monterey County Board of Supervisors did retain a trauma system consultant who drafted a new plan, entitled the 2011 Trauma Care System Plan.

Response F-1: The Board agrees with the finding.

Finding F-2: Pursuant to this plan Monterey County has designated a Level II trauma center with a timeline for putting the facility into operation.

Response F-2: The Board agrees with the finding.

Finding F-3: This time line has been extended approximately six months.

Response F-3: The Board agrees with the finding.

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RESPONSE TO: Recommendations R-2 and R-3

Recommendation R-2: There should be no further extensions of the trauma system timeline (Appendix B) and the schedule of events listed therein should be met as written.

Response R-2: The recommendation has been implemented. The County, through its EMS Agency, has informed the interested hospitals that barring any foreseen circumstances it is in the best interest for the citizens of Monterey County to adhere to the published schedule.

Recommendation R-3: If both of the potential designees, Natividad and SVMH, should withdraw their intention to go forward as a Level II trauma center, Monterey County should consider designating a Level III trauma center.

Response R-3: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be considered for implementation. This issue is dependent on whether the regional hospitals submit proposals or not. In the event that the County EMS Agency does not receive a Level II trauma center proposal from any hospital in the county, the County will determine if it is in the best interest of the citizens to pursue Level III trauma center designation. The County, through the EMS Agency, will consider development of a new Trauma Care plan with designated Level III trauma facilities. An approximate timeline for implementation would be as follows:

- *Develop, write and submit to Board of Supervisors revised Trauma Plan for approval – six months*
- *Submit Board approved Trauma Plan to State for review and approval – three months*
- *Develop and post RFQ requirements of Level III Trauma Center/s – two months*
- *Review received Level III Trauma Center proposals – two months*
- *Enter into MOU agreements with hospital/s whom have qualified as Level III Trauma Center – two months*
- *Implement Level III Trauma Center system in Monterey County – six months*