

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

RESPONSE TO 2004-2005 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

County Executive

Sacramento County Airport System (pp. 11-15)

Finding 1 of the Findings and Recommendations issued in the Grand Jury's report found no evidence that relatives were hired by SITO, or of discrimination based on religious, national or racial issues. There are no recommendations related to Finding 1.

Finding 2: There was no evidence that SITO was initially handling applications inappropriately.

Recommendation 2: Airport staff should ensure that taxi contractors follow the procedures, protocols, and requirements agreed to by it and the Sacramento County Counsel's Office.

Response 2: Concur.

On September 23, 2004, the County Counsel's office issued a letter to SITO entitled SITO Clarification of Relationship. This letter details the membership selection protocol to be followed by SITO when selecting new members. It also identifies the County Airport System representative assigned to oversee and address all taxicab related issues.

Finding 3: The County Airports Office failed to provide oversight of SITO's hiring procedures prior to the complaints by applicants. However, the County Counsel now has the assignment to ensure compliance of the rules and to research future contracts.

Recommendation 3: County Counsel should continue to oversee the County contract between taxi contractors and the Airport.

Response 3: Do Not Concur

Although it is not County Counsel's responsibility "to oversee the County contract between taxi contractors and the Airport" County Counsel's role, however, shall continue to be that of legal consultant and advisor to the Airport for resolution of any legal and compliance issues that may arise under that contract and to assist legally in the preparation of the new Taxi Cab RFP and Contract.

Finding 4: The Airport had no way of ensuring that the appropriate fees were being paid to the Airport. The Airport indicates that transponders have now been installed in all of the cabs to record each trip. This will provide a way to track the fees due to the Airport by the drivers.

Recommendation 4: The Airport should continue to have an assigned employee oversee all taxicab issues, provide periodic public reports on the taxicab services of the airport, and act on problems in a timely manner.

Response 4: Concur

The Airport's designated representative continues to work with County Counsel on any issues that arise concerning SITO.