

- **Democratic Integrity:** The jury is empowered to observe the operations of the Registrar of Voters to ensure secure and transparent elections.
- **Compelled Public Response:** A critical component of state law dictates that once a jury issues its final findings and recommendations, the affected governing bodies **are legally compelled** to provide a formal public response within a specified time frame. This ensures the jury's investigations lead to tangible administrative reform and public discourse.

COMPLAINT CORRESPONDENCE

During its tenure, the 2025–2026 Mariposa County Civil Grand Jury received a total of six complaints. The jury also reviewed the previous year's complaints. The jury responded to the complaints if possible, in a timely and appropriate manner. Of the six complaints received, two were submitted via email, and four were submitted through postal mail.

The Grand Jury recognizes the importance of community involvement in the oversight process, and encourages all Mariposa County residents to participate, by submitting complaints on matters of public concern. To raise awareness of this opportunity, the Grand Jury composed and distributed an informational flyer throughout the county with instructions on how and where to submit a complaint. The Jury is committed to increasing public engagement, public outreach, and encourages greater participation.

MT. BULLION CONSERVATION CAMP #39

The history of Mt. Bullion Conservation Camp:

The modern public service history of the site began in the mid-20th century when it transitioned from private mining to the California Youth

Authority (CYA). For decades, the camp focused on the rehabilitation of offenders through training and labor of basic forestry and fire suppression. This laid the groundwork for a cooperative state model. A pivotal shift occurred in October 2004, when the facility officially converted into an Adult Conservation Camp (CC #39) bolstering a firefighting program. Jointly operated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and CAL FIRE, Mt. Bullion became a critical benefit to the residents of Mariposa County.

The grand jury's visit to the Mt. Bullion Conservation Camp on November 25, 2025 left an overall positive impression, with the facility appearing well-maintained, orderly, and professionally operated. Staff and inmates demonstrated respectful and cooperative interactions. The dormitory and sleeping areas were clean, tidy, and well organized, with personal belongings stored appropriately and no sanitation concerns observed.

The kitchen and food service areas were also clean and orderly, and staff reported that inmates are responsible for all food preparation and cleanup duties. During the visit, an inmate crew was actively engaged in clearing debris from roofs, demonstrating ongoing maintenance efforts and work readiness. Grounds throughout the camp were notably clean, well-kept, and free of debris, reinforcing the camp's emphasis on accountability, community service, and emergency deployment preparedness.

The camp also offers a variety of programs and privileges that contribute positively to morale, rehabilitation, and constructive use of free time. Inmates have access to a hobby shop that supports woodworking, crafts, and other skill-building activities, as well as an outdoor gym area for physical fitness and recreation. Indoor recreational opportunities include personal tablets, pool table, chess and board games, as well as ample

reading materials that encourage both leisure and personal development. These privileges appear to reinforce the incentive structure that encourages rule compliance and personal responsibility.

Staff-inmate relations throughout the visit appeared professional and respectful, with staff emphasizing the importance of trust and accountability within the camp's lower-security environment. Facility buildings and infrastructure were observed to be in good condition despite the camp's scheduled closure in January 2026, and no operational or safety deficiencies were identified during the inspection. The primary concern expressed by staff was the impending closure itself, as the camp has operated for 22 years and its closure may reduce available low-security rehabilitation opportunities.

OBSERVATION OF NOVEMBER SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Members of the Mariposa County Civil Grand Jury observed the November 4, 2025 Special Election. The jury's observation revealed a well-run and efficient process. The election was conducted by the Registrar of Voters alongside a unified team of eight employees, whose protocols and procedures were impressive and demonstrated a clear commitment to election integrity and operational efficiency.

MARIPOSA COUNTY ADULT DETENTION FACILITY

The current Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility officially opened its doors in March 1995, marking a significant transition in the county's approach to public safety and corrections. Designated as a Type II facility, it was built to house approximately 60 inmates, providing a larger environment