02-23  Grand Jury Recommendation:
The Board of Supervisors needs to recognize that the Marvin Chapel Cemetery District is the legal owner of the Butte City Cemetery and provide sufficient funds to that District to repair and maintain it. Without sufficient funds, Marvin Chapel Cemetery District cannot provide the proper maintenance of the cemetery that our pioneer ancestors deserve.

Response of the Board of Supervisors:
The Agricultural Department has maintained weed control for the last three years. Ag supplies the chemicals and, as a volunteer service, Mann & Sons Flying Service flies the chemical over the cemetery for weed control a couple times a year and are scheduled to spray again this month. In June of this year, the California Youth Connection (youth group shepherded by Human Resource Agency), provided volunteer maintenance service by picking up trash, clearing weeds, trimmed trees, and burned all trimmings. This fall the Ag Department will float the ground surface and plant a low maintenance grass to improve the grounds, as well as, a weed control measure. In addition, the Cemetery was enclosed by chain-linked fencing with the help of Valley View Conservation Camp, last year has provided cleanup, and if fencing is found, the cemetery will be fenced by the Valley View Conservation Camp. The Ag Department will meet with Marvin Chapel Cemetery District to discuss future maintenance. The Ag Department has funded all maintenance projects with internal funds. (Revised November 5, 2002 for correction)

The Marvin Chapel Cemetery District received $6,960.20 total revenue last fiscal year, with the majority coming from the tax roll.

* See documentation from the Finance Dept. and the Ag Dept., referenced by Document I & II with Attachment A