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To: The Honorable Chris R. Chandler
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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CLERK OF THE COURT
By JACKIE LASWELL Deputy

From: Christine D. Odom, Chief Probation Officer

**Re: Response to Grand Jury 09/10 Report from Bi-County Juvenile Hall and
Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center**

I have reviewed the attached response to the Grand Jury from Bi-County Juvenile Hall Superintendent, Frank Sorgea and I fully concur with Mr. Sorgea's responses. Although many items addressed by the Jury are maintenance issues that may not be able to be addressed immediately for financial reasons, Mr. Sorgea agrees we will attempt to address minor issues that require immediate response and fall within our current budget.

A hard copy version of this correspondence and Mr. Sorgea's response will follow.

Please advise me if you desire further information.

Christine D. Odom
Chief Probation Officer

cc Jim Arnold, Chief Probation Officer
Frank Sorgea, Superintendent of Institutions

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YUBA-SUTTER JUVENILE HALL
CAMP SINGER YOUTH GUIDANCE CENTER

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The Honorable Christopher R. Chandler
Sutter County Superior Court
446 Second Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SUTTER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By JACKIE LASWELL Deputy

RE: Response to 2009/2010 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations

Dear Judge Chandler:

This letter, provided pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, is the Yuba-Sutter Juvenile Hall response to the 2009/2010 Grand Jury Final Report – Findings and Recommendations concerning the annual investigation into the operation of the Bi-County Juvenile Hall and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center.

I would first of all wish to express my gratitude to the Criminal Justice Committee for their time and their commitment to conducting a thorough investigation. I met with committee members on several occasions and found that they were very interested in both our facilities and programs. I am pleased with the report of their investigation and offer the following in response to their findings and recommendations:

Finding 1

The Grand Jury finds the visitors'/receiving area needs to be updated with added security.
We agree with this finding

Finding 2

The Grand Jury finds the control room needs to be updated
We agree with this finding

Finding 3

The Grand Jury finds the cell windows are in need of replacement.
We agree with this finding.

Finding 4

The Grand Jury finds the cell doors are deeply engraved with graffiti.
We agree with this finding

Finding 5

The Grand Jury finds the walls in the multi-purpose room are in need of repairs.
We agree with this finding.

Finding 6

The Grand Jury finds that funds for repairs are unavailable at this time.
We agree with this finding.

Recommendation 1

The Grand Jury recommends updating the visitors/receiving area.

The recommendation cannot be implemented at this time due to budgetary restraints.

Recommendation 2

The Grand Jury recommends updating the control room equipment.

The recommendation cannot be implemented at this time due to budgetary restraints.

Recommendation 3

The Grand Jury recommends replacing the cell windows.

The recommendation cannot be implemented at this time due to budgetary restraints.

Recommendation 4

The Grand Jury recommends removing the graffiti.

The recommendation cannot be implemented at this time due to budgetary restraints.

Recommendation 5

The Grand Jury recommends the walls in the multi-purpose room be repaired

The recommendation cannot be implemented at this time due to budgetary restraints.

Recommendation 6


The Grand Jury recommends the continued search for grants.

This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. As grant opportunities become available, we are prepared to seek supporting funds to implement improvements to our physical facilities.

In February 2007 following a review of our facilities, a comprehensive plan was developed in consultation with KITCHELL Construction Management firm. The plan they developed incorporates all of the modifications addressed within the Grand Jury report. At that time we were anticipating the availability of grant funds administered by the CDCR. After review of the RFP for the grant, it was determined that there were so many restrictions and conditions placed on the grant it was inappropriate for our purpose. We continue to maintain the architectural plan and will continue to pursue grant opportunities as they arise. We have been able to do some of the lower scale work with local funding; however at this time even local funds are remarkably limited.

While the number of findings and recommendations do reflect a building that is showing its age. I feel it important to note that most of the issues are more cosmetic in nature than safety or security related. We feel strongly that the safety and security of our facilities is sufficient to ensure the safety of community, our residents, and our staff.

Respectfully Submitted


Frank D. Sorgea
Superintendent of Institutions