



**YUBA - SUTTER JUVENILE HALL  
CAMP SINGER YOUTH GUIDANCE CENTER**

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**ENDORSED FILE**



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**TO:** Honorable, Christopher R. Chandler  
Presiding Judge  
Sutter County Grand Jury

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SUTTER  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY LAURA SANTANA Deputy

**FROM:** Frank D. Sorgea, Superintendent of Institutions

**DATE:** August 22, 2008

**RE: RESPONSE TO 2007/08 SUTTER COUNTY GRAND JURY**

This is submitted in response to the Findings and Recommendations of the 2007/08 Sutter County Grand Jury.

**Finding: Roof Replacement or Repair**  
**Recommendation: Replace Juvenile Hall Roof**  
*Agree with Finding*

The roof on the Juvenile Hall was last replaced in 1988. At that time sprayed on foam coat roof was applied. This roofing material has deteriorated over time. The Yuba County Administrative Services Department has been authorized by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors to solicit bids to replace the current roof. This project has been budgeted by both counties for an estimated \$176,000 and is scheduled for completion this fiscal year.

**Finding: Broken Security Doors in Cells**  
**Recommendation: Replace Security Doors**  
*Partially Agree With Finding:*

Cell doors within the Juvenile Hall are secured with both a typical mogul lock mechanism and in addition have had a drop-bar system installed in 1993. From time to time the mogul systems need to be repaired and this work is accomplished in the course of normal maintenance. The drop-bar system insures that minors secured in the rooms are not able to free themselves from the cells. The cell doors were installed in 1976 and have suffered damage due to minors kicking and banging against them over the years. While the doors do not present a security threat, they are unattractive and do require occasional maintenance. It is our desire to replace the doors entirely as funding becomes available.

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**Finding:** Cell windows are old and mechanisms are no longer working

**Recommendation:** Replace cell windows.

*Agree With Finding:*

The existing cell window structures consist of a 30 inch by 48 inch wire reinforced ¼ in thick plate glass glazed into an exterior steel frame encased in brick and mortar. The interior structure is comprised of a stainless steel wire mesh encased in a steel frame. The steel frame structure holding the screens is hinged to allow access to the interior side of the window. These frames have a dead bolt locking mechanism which secures the screens and prevents access to the glass. The dead bolts have frozen in the locked position over time. Our inability to open these screens does not create a security issue, however this has created an unsightly situation as minors are able to slip paper materials between the screens and the windows which we are not able to remove.

**Finding:** Floor needs to be replaced

**Recommendation:** Replace flooring when feasible

*Agree With Finding*

The floor surfaces within the Juvenile Hall security areas are comprised of sealed seam industrial strength linoleum which has been in place since 1976. This floor surface does not have an aesthetically pleasing appearance, however is intact and functional. The linoleum surfaces will be addressed in next year's budget cycle. Carpeted areas in the intake entry, control room and hallway, which have shown considerable wear, are currently scheduled to be replaced with tile.

**Findings:** Control Room Electronics

**Recommendation:** Replace and update Control Room Electronics

*Agree With Finding*

The control room at Juvenile Hall is in essence the nerve center of the facility. The systems currently in place involve an integration of digital and analog technologies. While the system is functional, regular maintenance is required to keep it operational. The principal area which has shown deterioration is the intercom systems to the individual rooms. These systems are from time to time impacted by minors blocking the microphone in their room. Our camera monitors are showing their age and while functional, should be upgraded to digital technology. It is anticipated that following this year's replacement of the roof, upgrades to the electronic systems will be budgeted at a high priority.

**Findings: Construction of No-Contact Visiting and Separation of Booking and Facility Entrance**  
**Recommendation: Construct separate Booking and No-Contact visiting areas**  
*Agree with Finding*

The 06/07 and 07/08 Grand juries both noted the need to construct booking and holding cells separate from the public entrance to the facility. The current facility flow pattern is disturbing wherein all individuals entering the facility, regardless of their circumstance, enter through the same portal. We have developed an architectural plan to address these issues. In fact the architectural plan addressed all of the issues identified by the Grand Jury. This plan was developed in anticipation of state grant funds becoming available for Juvenile Hall remodeling and infrastructure improvements. Unfortunately, as the grant RFP was released, it became clear that the requirements of the grant would not meet our needs for a number of specific reasons. It is our desire to complete all of the elements identified in the plan. Funding for the overall project is prohibitive if undertaken all at once. We believe we will be able to undertake all of the major elements of the plan utilizing County funds, if we prioritize the elements and work through the budget process. As has been noted, this year we are replacing the roof and floor surfaces. Next year we hope to address the electronics in central control. The issue of separation of the booking area and no contact visiting will require major construction and will be pursued as funding becomes available.