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August 18, 2020

Judge of Superior Court
Honorable Kate Powell Segerstrom
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report – **Tuolumne County Jail Report**

The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator wish to extend their gratitude to the FY2019/20 Grand Jury for a job well done. It was noted that this year's Grand Jury report was the best in a very long time.

Grand Jury Findings

F1. The policy in which law enforcement agencies do not honor "hostage for trade" events was not explained to the jurors before the jail tour. The hostage policy was explained after the jurors were inside the facility and therefore unable to exercise their decision to not enter the facility and assume the risk.

Response: Agree

F2. In several instances, inmates expressed appreciation for respectful treatment by jail staff, which the Grand Jury believes is an important aspect of helping in rehabilitation efforts.

Response: Agree

F3. An impressive number of quality programs are available to inmates.

Response: Agree

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F4. The women's shower stall area shows signs of excessive duress, damage due to wear. Mildew is prevalent in certain areas.

Response: Agree

F5. Electrical panels and damaged plumbing in the ground floor corridor present severe safety elements in dire need of attention.

Response: Agree

Grand Jury Recommendations

R1. The Grand Jury recommends Jail personnel responsible for tours and inspections should alert participants of the "no hostage policy" well in advance of entering the jail. Include the "no hostage policy" in the Grand Jury Summary provided at the beginning of the tour.

Response: The no hostage policy should be made available and reviewed with anyone entering the jail. An acknowledgment form that that policy was received, read and understood needs to be signed by any person taking a jail tour.

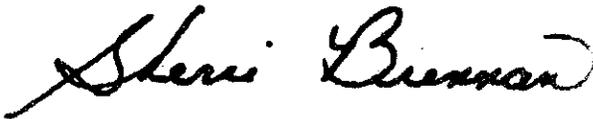
R5. The Grand Jury recommends replacing electrical panels or installing a waterproof wall separating the plumbing from the electrical.

Response: This will need to be addressed if the building continues to be occupied after the move to the new jail. However, this system has passed all inspections from Public Health, Environmental Health, Local Fire department and the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above findings and recommendations.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding same.

Sincerely,



Sherril Brennan
Board Chair



Tracie Riggs
County Administrator/Personnel Officer