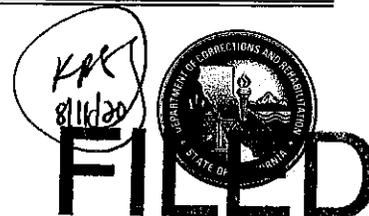


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Superior Court of California
County of TuolumneBy: Diana Neely Clerk

August 5, 2020

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

Dear Judge Powell-Segerstrom:

I have reviewed the 2019/2020 Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury Report as it pertains to Sierra Conservation Center (SCC). I want to thank all of the jury members for their time and effort while visiting our facility and Baseline Conservation Camp, CC# 30. They were a pleasure to host and very transparent in understanding our mission and our vision.

I have reviewed the report findings and recommendations carefully and provide the following response:

- Finding #1: Staff is sometimes unable to pinpoint the location of sounding alarms, leading to a delay in distinguishing between a false alarm and genuine one. False alarms are hazardous to the safety of staff, visitors, and inmates. The alerting system for detecting problems in the medical unit does not immediately identify the location of the alarm.
- Recommendation #1: The Grand Jury recommends review of the procedures for notifying visitors inside secure areas about possible alarms and procedures which will generally be followed. Consider updating the alarm system with technology capable of pinpointing where the problem is occurring.

The recommendation has been noted. SCC informs visitors inside secure areas about possible alarms and what procedures to follow. Furthermore, the alarm system utilized at SCC is the current standard statewide for alarm systems.

- Finding #2: The Grand Jury observed potential non-GFCI outlets at Baseline Conservation Camp, which creates a safety hazard.
- Recommendation #2: The Grand Jury recommends GFCI outlets be installed immediately in all potentially wet areas.

The recommendation has been noted. A work order has been submitted and this will be remedied.

- Finding #3: Inhibited access to the eyewash station at Baseline Conservation Camp was observed by the Grand Jury.
- Recommendation #3: The Grand Jury recommends that access to the eyewash station at Baseline Conservation Camp be kept clear at all times, in case of an accident requiring its use.

The recommendation has been noted and the eyewash station will be kept clear at all times.

- Finding #4: At Baseline Conservation Camp markings of the cement steps appear to be inconsistent and do not provide adequate safety to inmates, correctional officers, and visitors.
- Recommendation #4: All cement steps and walkways at Baseline Conservation Camp should be inspected immediately and properly marked to prevent any tripping hazard.

The recommendation has been noted. A work order has been submitted and this will be remedied.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the 2018/2019 Tuolumne County Civil Grand Jury Report satisfying the requirements of Penal Code 933.05.

If you have any questions, please contact Correctional Lieutenant Ricardo Jauregui, Administrative Assistant, at (209) 984-5291 extension 5499.

Sincerely,



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