

MADERA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT Administration



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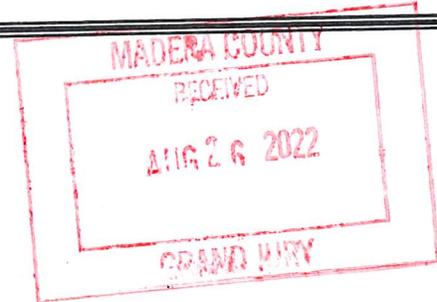
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Howard Smith, Foreperson Madera County Grand Jury
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Attention: Howard Smith, Foreperson Madera County Grand Jury



This letter is to serve as a response to the (MCGJ) Madera County Grand Jury findings and recommendations released on June 22, 2022, regarding Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Madera County Probation Department would like to thank the Madera County Grand Jury for their recommendations and positive comments. The group that toured our facility showed great interest in the education, rehabilitation, and medical efforts that were on display when visiting with the teachers, wards, facility staff and medical staff.

The Probation Department acknowledges the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. We will continue operating the facility at a high level of safety and the rehabilitation of justice involved youth under our care.

The Grand Jury's report noted three (3) findings for Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility and provided three (3) recommendations. Below you will find the department's response pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.

Madera County Probation Department Response:

The Madera County Probation Department agrees with the three findings and recommendations. We will continue to support Staff development, stakeholder engagement and implementation of pro-social programs, education, and training to meet the needs of both staff and youth.

Please note that the Madera County Juvenile Detention is inspected annually by the Madera County Public Health Officer, Buildings, Environmental Health, Superintendent of Schools, State Fire Marshal, Juvenile Justice Commission, and the (BSCC) Board of State Community Corrections to ensure the facility meets Local and State standards set for the in California Title 15 Standards for Juvenile Facilities. The Juvenile Facility meets or exceeds those standards with the last inspection occurring in May 2022. A report of that inspection is public and accessible on Board of State Community Correction's website.

"The mission of the Madera County Probation Department is to encourage positive change in the lives of offenders through collaborative partnerships, evidence-based practices, and corrective services."

In Closing, Madera County Probation appreciates the effort and time of the Grand Jury to provide the recommendations to the operation of the Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility. Madera County Probation Department Management and Staff take pride in our work and will continue to follow all State and County guidelines and procedures in the daily operation of the Juvenile Detention Facility. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,



Chris Childers, Chief Probation Officer

cc: Madera County Grand Jury