



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner

August 22, 2023

The Honorable Michael Jurkovich
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Madera County Superior Court
200 S. G Street
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Response to Grand Jury Report #2223-01

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, this correspondence serves as the response of the Madera County Sheriff to the Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) report #2223-01.

I've carefully reviewed your inspection report and concur with the findings and recommendations.

On behalf of our entire staff, I want to express heartfelt gratitude for recognizing our efforts in your inspection report. Your comments on the cleanliness, organization, and rehabilitative programs not only validate our dedication but highlight our unwavering commitment to safety and rehabilitation.

Our primary mission is to ensure the safety of both staff and inmates, while simultaneously empowering inmates through educational, vocational, and transitional programs. Your acknowledgment of these aspects affirms our belief in their importance and inspires us to continually strive for excellence in transforming lives.

While we take pride in our achievements, we recognize there's always room for improvement. We are in agreement with the Grand Jury's recommendation to continue offering job training opportunities, and we are actively exploring ways to expand these essential programs.

I must specifically acknowledge the tireless efforts of our corrections officers, administrative staff, healthcare professionals, and program coordinators. Their dedication has elevated our jail into a place of positive change, learning, and growth rather than merely a facility of confinement.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank the grand jury for their time and attention in this important matter. I appreciate your valued service to the community and for providing an opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury's report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyson J. Pogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'P'.

Tyson J. Pogue, Sheriff-Coroner