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September 17, 2024

The Honorable Michael Jurkovich
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Madera County Superior Court
200 S. G¹Street
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: Response to the 2023-24 Grand Jury Report entitled "Madera County Jail"

Honorable Judge Jurkovich:

Pursuant to the California Penal Code 933.05, the Madera County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the findings and recommendations in the 2023-24 Madera County Grand Jury report entitled "Madera County Jail."

Finding 1:

The Madera County Grand Jury (MCGJ) finds that the daily maintenance routine needs improvement to clean away the cobwebs.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 2:

The MCGJ finds that the worn-out linoleum flooring cited in 2021-2022, still needs to be addressed and repaired.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 3:

The MCGJ finds that the Jail provides relevant training and certification programs for participating inmates.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).

Finding 4:

The MCGJ finds that the interaction between correction officers and inmates was respectful.

Response

Respondent agrees with the finding per California Penal Code 933.05 (a) (1).



Recommendation 1:

The MCGJ recommends improving the daily maintenance routine to clean away the cobwebs.

Response

The recommendation has been implemented. The cobwebs have been removed.

Recommendation 2:

The MCGJ recommends that the worn-out linoleum flooring cited in this report be addressed by September 30, 2024.

Response

The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. County General Services has assessed the affected areas and is in the process of obtaining quotes to make necessary repairs.

Recommendation 3:

The MCGJ recommends that the current vocational programs continue and consider expanding.

Response

Respondent agrees with the recommendation per California Penal Code 933.05

Recommendation 4:

The MCGJ recommends that the correction officers continue to interact respectfully with inmates.

Response

Respondent agrees with the recommendation per California Penal Code 933.05

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges the Grand Jury's review and time involved in this matter and appreciates the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,



Robert Poythress
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors