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Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne
By: [Signature] Clerk

The Honorable Donald Segerstrom
Tuolumne County Superior Court
60 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report - Tuolumne County Jail

Dear Judge Segerstrom:

The following is offered in response to the 2013-14 Grand Jury Report as it pertains to the Tuolumne County Jail.

Grand Jury Findings

F1. The jail is dilapidated and needs immediate replacement

Response: Agree

F3. The booking and intake area and other hallways are too congested.

Response: Agree

F4. The control room has too many operations for the small staff.

Response: Agree

F5. The lack of personnel to monitor the visiting space influences the available visiting time.

Response: Agree

...serving the Board of Supervisors, departments, and the community as good stewards of the County's fiscal and human resources through collaborative, professional and ethical leadership.

- F6. The recreation area is on the roof and noise impacts nearby residents resulting in restrictions on inmates.

Response: Agree

- F7. Space in many of the work areas fails to meet Federal (OSHA and State (CAL/OSHA egress safety standards).

Response: Agree

Grand Jury Recommendations

- R1. Continue to seek additional funding to complete the Jail Project.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented and efforts will continue until the full and final construction (one-time) and operational (ongoing) costs of the new Jail are known and all funding components have been secured. To this end, the County has refined its estimated costs for the new Jail to just under \$40 million and produced a preliminary estimate of the expected increase in operational costs for same. Further, the County has been successful in securing an SB 1022 grant from the State in the amount of \$20 million towards the new Jail. The Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff and his staff and the CAO's Office have been working together in an attempt to secure additional funding through the State's AB 900 – Phase II Program. The latter will require special legislation which the Board of Supervisors will request be introduced in the upcoming legislative session. Lastly, the County also intends to pursue some of the \$500 million in additional funding for County Jails recently approved by the State.

- R3. Avoid crowded spaces by ensuring that the new facility follows the established planning and design methods outlined in the US Department of Justice, Jail Design Guide.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented as design for the new Jail begins in FY 2014-15.

- R4. Provide dedicated spaces for various operational functions by ensuring that the new facility follows the established planning design methods outlined in the US Department of Justice, Jail Design Guide.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented as design for the new Jail begins in FY 2014-15.

- R5. Providing a modern visiting facility in the new jail will allow more visit time for the inmates and reduce strain on the jail staff. Using a video system can

provide visiting from remote locations and may be funded through the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented as design for the new Jail begins in FY 2014-15.

- R6. Provide adequate space for inmate recreational activities by ensuring that the new facility follows the established planning and design methods outlined in the US Department of Justice, Jail Design Guide.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented as design for the new Jail begins in FY 2014-15.

- R7. The Sheriff and Jail management must provide safe egress paths for all office spaces in the existing Jail. Regarding the proposed new Jail, adequate office spaces and safe egress routes must be ensured. The new facility shall follow the established planning and design methods outlined in the US Department of Justice Jail Design Guide. Reference shall also be made to OSHA and CAL/OSHA's *New Construction Regulations and Standards*.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented as design for the new Jail begins in FY 2014-15.

Sincerely,



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