

MEMORANDUM
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COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer
By: James Importante, Management Analyst II

DATE: September 15, 2015

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Placer County Grand Jury Final Report Responses

Action Requested

Authorize the Chairperson to sign four (4) letters in response to the Placer County Grand Jury's 2014-15 Final Report.

Background

On June 26, 2015, the Placer County Grand Jury issued its 2014-15 Final Report. The report included findings and recommendations based on the Grand Jury's investigations, as required by law. Included in the Final Report are four individual reports in which the Board of Supervisors were asked to respond:

1. *Temporary Emergency Homeless Shelter*
2. *A Five Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County*
3. *Placer County Meals on Wheels: A Failure to Communicate*
4. *Transfer of Dewitt Center Enterprise Funds and Impact on Citizens.*

Also, included for your reference are responses from other County officials and department heads requested by the 2014-15 Grand Jury.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors, Auditor-Controller's Office, Sheriff's Office, County Executive Office, Probation Department, Department of Public Works and Facilities, Special Fire Districts Boards of Directors, and the Placer County Superintendent of Schools were all asked to provide responses to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. In collaboration with County departments, County Executive Office staff prepared responses on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, which are subject to your approval today.

Details of the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations are included within the attached response letters. Upon approval by your Board, the responses will be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Placer County Superior Court and to the Placer County Grand Jury.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with these responses to the Grand Jury.

Attachments:

Board of Supervisors 2014-15 Grand Jury Response Letters:

Temporary Emergency Homeless Shelter

A Five Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County

Placer County Meals on Wheels: A Failure to Communicate

Transfer of Dewitt Center Enterprise Funds and Impact on Citizens.

Other County Officials and Department Head Response Letters:

Examination of Fire Hydrant Inspection and Maintenance (CEO)

Investigation of County and City Operational Policies (CEO)

Review of Placer County Government and Special District/Agency Websites (CEO)

Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities (CEO)

Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (CEO)

Human Trafficking (HHS)

Investigation of County and City Operational Policies (Auditor-Controller)

Transfer of Dewitt Center Enterprise Funds and Its Impact on Citizens (Public Works and Facilities)

Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities (Sheriff)

Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (Probation)

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Temporary Emergency Homeless Shelter*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Temporary Emergency Homeless Shelter*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Officer would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

We agree with the findings, numbered F1, F3 and F4.

(F2) The Barracks seemed to be in an acceptable condition and relatively simple to convert to a temporary emergency shelter for homeless individuals.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: We disagree partially with the finding. The barracks is a reasonable location, but Right Hand Auburn (RHA), who is sponsoring the shelter, had to invest approximately \$160,000 in improvements to open a shelter that meets the needs of the homeless as well as adheres to all health, safety and building codes. RHA is proposing to spend another \$150,000 to expand services and provide capacity for additional residents. The cost to improve the building is a significant investment, particularly if a permanent shelter is eventually built elsewhere. It is also important to note that the use of the barracks facility is not without controversy. Adjacent residents have raised legitimate concerns with the location of the facility, which has required an open and transparent process to determine the acceptability of a temporary shelter at the location.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) An evaluation of the use of the Dewitt Barracks as emergency homeless housing should be conducted at the end of the 90 day period for the conditional use permit, and on a recurring schedule thereafter.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: Recommendations R1 has been implemented. On August 18, 2015, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing reviewing operations of the temporary homeless shelter and considering requests from Right Hand Auburn (RHA) to: (1) extend the terms of their Site Use Agreement until March 31, 2016; (2) modify the Temporary Use Permit and Site Use Agreement to allow expanded services (24/7 operations) and additional shelter capacity; and (3) to consider a future financial contribution by the County for ongoing shelter operations and improvements.

The Board voted on August 18, 2015, to modify the Conditional Use Permit and allow expanded services and capacity. They directed staff to return with additional information on proposed building upgrades and a detailed financial analysis before further consideration of a financial contribution.

The temporary use permit will expire on March 31, 2016. The Board will further evaluate the shelter at the DeWitt Barracks at that time.

(R2) The BOS and County staff should promptly review Marbut Consulting's final report to determine its impact on the need for a temporary emergency shelter. In addition, the BOS should monitor the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan referred to in the final report.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: Recommendation R2 has not been fully implemented but will be implemented in the future. The Board of Supervisors and Health and Human Services staff have reviewed the Marbut Study Report and recommendations. A core element of the recommendations was a collaborative effort between all government agencies, the business community, non-profit organizations and residents to address homelessness within our community. Health and Human Services staff has begun outreach and planning discussions within the community. They will be involving different segments of the community in the months ahead to discuss the Marbut recommendations and how they apply within our County. The intent is to return to the Board of Supervisors in early 2016 to discuss the feedback, develop strategies and determine action plans.

Sincerely,

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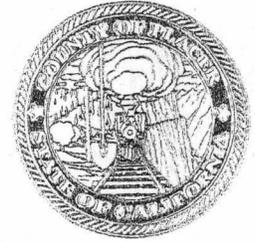
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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – A Five Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled, *A Five Year Plan for Meeting the Needs of a Growing Senior Population in Placer County*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Officer would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

We agree with the findings, numbered F1 and F2.

(F3) It is not clear how the \$100,000 contract for the multi-generational facility feasibility study would fit into a five-year plan in terms of service to the senior and disabled population.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: We disagree partially with the finding. The \$100,000 contract for the multi-generational facility feasibility study will review the needs of both seniors and those of other ages. This will be important data collected in the Auburn area that can be used with other data collected as part of the necessary planning to develop a multi-year strategic plan to address the needs of seniors.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) County staff should research collaboration models such as Nevada County's Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Program.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: Recommendation R1 has been implemented. The Older Adult Advisory Commission in coordination with Health and Human Services and the Board of Supervisors held an informational meeting on the Aging Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Program on September 15, 2015.

(R2) With county staff recommendations, the BOS should designate an existing agency to take the lead, to seek grant funding, and to move the ADRC model forward to service providers.

(R3) Involve the Director of HHS as a proponent of the ADRC model and have key staff research the model in order to become subject matter experts in how to adapt the ADRC model to meet Placer County needs within the next fiscal year.

(R4) If it is determined that the ADRC model is not appropriate as a five-year plan for Placer County, then the county should implement another model for providing necessary single points of entry into a long-term support and services system for older adults and people with disabilities.

(R5) Provide a time frame for the implementation of these recommendations in accordance with subdivision (b)(2) of Penal Code Section 933.05.

Board of Supervisors and CEO Response: Recommendations R2 through R5 have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future. The existing agencies that are mandated to begin the process to develop an ADRC Program are the Placer Independent Resource Services and Area 4 Agency on Aging Advisory Council (A4AA). Placer County has assigned a Manager who will be available to work with this group when they are ready. It is premature to seek grant funding for a model that has not yet be analyzed or discussed in Placer County.

Placer County agrees it is important to move forward to create a plan to address the needs of seniors in Placer County. Health and Human Services will take the lead in this effort in coordination with the Placer Older Adult Advisory Council and other key stakeholder organizations, including A4AA and other service providers. Health and Human Services will review and explore the ADRC and other models during the development of this plan in FY15-16, utilizing needs assessments, community input, data and research.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Meals on Wheels: A Failure to Communicate.

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Placer County Meals on Wheels: A Failure to Communicate*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the Meals on Wheels review.

Findings of the Grand Jury

(F1) The BOS response to Recommendation 1 of the 2013-2014 Grand Jury report lacks a time frame for implementation of the recommendation. It is in violation of Penal Code 933.05(b)(2).

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) The BOS provide a time frame for the implementation of Recommendation 1 of the 2013-14 Grand Jury Report regarding the establishment of a written policy or procedure for information flow between itself and its Board and Commission appointees.

Board of Supervisors Response: This recommendation has been implemented. Since the receipt of the Grand Jury's report, the Board of Supervisors has been working towards defining the roles and responsibilities of its representatives, particularly those serving on the A4AA Governing Board. On January 20, 2015, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved an appointment for a new representative to serve on this Board, and on January 29, 2015, a letter was sent out to both representatives outlining their responsibilities and communication expectations.

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The Placer County Board of Supervisors appreciates the work of the 2014-15 Placer County Grand Jury in their report regarding Meals on Wheels.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Transfer of DeWitt Center Enterprise Funds and Impact on Citizens*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Transfer of DeWitt Center Enterprise Funds and Impact on Citizens*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

The Board of Supervisors agree with findings numbered F1, F2, and F4.

(F3) Seniors First relocated from their offices at the DeWitt Center due to the cancellation of their lease. In absorbing the costs of the relocation, they have \$29,000 less to spend serving seniors, including the disabled and shut-ins. Additionally, their monthly rental payments have increased from \$708.92 to \$1,129.80 a month at their new location.

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this Finding. The initial term of Seniors First's lease, from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, was not cancelled. On May 21, 2014, the County notified Seniors First that the County would not consent to Seniors First exercising its 1-year option, as provided for in their lease. Based on this information, Seniors First elected to terminate their initial term in mid-September to allow for their move to its new location. As with other tenants, the County waived Seniors First's last month rent.

(F5) Placer County Officials indicated that the revenues from the DeWitt Government Center are dedicated exclusively to the county government offices. All income derived from external leases on the DeWitt Government Center Campus (Home Depot, as an example) are earmarked for DeWitt Government Center Growth, maintenance, and building needs.

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors partially disagrees with this Finding. As a point of clarification, as an internal service fund, revenues from the DeWitt Government Center would typically be dedicated to offsetting current and future expenses on the Government Center Property.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) Income generated by the DeWitt Government Center be considered to be available to the people of Placer County and not just dedicated to DeWitt Government Center needs.

Board of Supervisors Response: Recommendation 1 requires further analysis through its annual budget process. Income generated by leases at the Government Center are public funds available for allocation by the Board of Supervisors through the budgeting process. The County set up an internal service fund to better track costs and revenues associated with the Government Center property. The intent is to provide better transparency and accountability on the costs of the Government Center. The Board of Supervisors has historically had various programs (such as revenue sharing) that have supported non-profit organizations.

(R2) Placer County considers reimbursing Seniors First for their out-of pocket costs (\$29,000) expended in their forced relocation.

Board of Supervisors Response: Recommendation 2 requires further analysis. The County does not reimburse a tenant for relocation costs after the expiration of a lease. However, a formal request can be made of the Board of Supervisors to provide funding to a non-profit organization including Seniors First.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Examination of Fire Hydrant Inspection and Maintenance*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Examination of Fire Hydrant Inspection and Maintenance*. The Placer County Executive would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the examination of fire hydrants.

Findings of the Grand Jury

I agree with the findings numbered F1 through F11.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) The Placer County CEO should consider whether a fire hydrant inspection and maintenance program be established to ensure uniformity throughout the county.

County Executive Response: This Recommendation has been considered by the CEO. Due to the nature of both Independent Fire Districts, City Fire Departments and Special District Water agencies, the County does not have jurisdictional authority to dictate uniformity on this issue throughout the County. In addition, after engaging with fire agencies and the Placer County Water Agency, staff has determined that the current fire hydrant inspection and maintenance protocols are functioning properly.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Investigation of County and City Operational Policies*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Investigation of County and City Operational Policies*. The County Executive Officer would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

The County Executive agrees with the findings numbered F8-F11 which generally relate to the use of evolving technology and the related challenges of management oversight and monitoring. Technology is changing rapidly, and agencies, including Placer County, must constantly be vigilant to ensure that assets are protected.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office will continue to work with staff from Administrative Services – Information Technology and the Placer County Administrative Manual (PAM) Committee to further update our policies and oversight processes as technology evolves and consistent with related internal control.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R8) Consideration be given to procuring cyber security insurance.

County Executive Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The County has had countywide cyber security insurance coverage since FY 2014-15.

(R10) A whistleblower policy and reporting form be developed.

County Executive Response: The County Executive agrees with this recommendation. Staff members from the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller, Personnel Department and County Counsel are reviewing current Federal and State regulations in order to create a stand-alone policy with appropriate reporting forms by June 30, 2016. Additionally, the Auditor-Controller has commenced a Whistleblower Hotline Feasibility Study which will determine best practices among counties and the most cost effective way of administering a whistleblower policy.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Review of Placer County Government and Special District/Agency Websites

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled, Review of Placer County Government and Special District/Agency Websites. The County Executive Officer would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

The County Executive agrees with the findings, numbered F1 through F13.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) A website best-practices guide be considered for development in the next 12 months by representatives from Placer County and the Cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville and Loomis.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to respond to a finding related to the Cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville and the town of Loomis. These agencies are separate legal entities, not County departments or agencies, with their own budgets and communication programs.

However there is an organization, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), which is an association of local governments in the six-county Sacramento Region. Its members include the counties of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba and the cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Rocklin, Roseville, Loomis and Folsom.

They have recently been meeting to address open data portals to increase "government transparency" and where "open data portals" can be utilized to allow citizens full access to unfiltered government data to review and manipulate as they see fit. Placer County would propose that this recommendation be addressed through this organization.

(R3) All website information should be subject to annual reviews to ensure information is still pertinent.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 3 has been implemented. Placer County currently distributes monthly website reports to each department. The reports are automatically sent to the department “website liaisons” that are responsible for the accuracy of their specific webpages. The reports highlight the number of pages scanned and identify any broken links and misspellings along with the appropriate detail for corrective action.

(R4) All documents have a posting and sunset (required removal) date that triggers an automatic archiving of the document.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 4 has been implemented. The Placer County’s Web Content Management System (WCMS) allows for posting and sunset date/time triggers of links to documents. This is a valuable feature and should be given due consideration when posting a new document, however not all documents will fit into this scenario. With thousands of documents on the website, many document expiration dates are variable and cannot be determined at the time of posting. Department web liaisons are responsible for reviewing and tracking documents on their specific web pages on a quarterly basis.

(R7) All websites should include direct links to financial reports, including on-going progress and performance reports on financial results versus budgets.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 7 has been partially implemented. Placer County’s website supports direct links to the County Budget, Financial Reports (CAFR) and Audit Reports. An implementation effort has begun to post on-going progress and performance reports on financial results versus budgets. This implementation is scheduled for completion within the next 6 months

(R8) Placer County, City of Auburn, City of Colfax, and all special district/agency websites should include access to the policy, process, and posting of current contracting opportunities. Results of bid awards should also be posted.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to respond to a finding related to the Cities of Auburn and Colfax and all special district/agency. These agencies are separate legal entities, not County departments or agencies, with their own budgets and communication programs. However, the County Executive Office agrees with Recommendation 8 for Placer County and it has been partially implemented. Placer County’s website includes the policy, process, and posting of current contracting opportunities. Placer County currently has an initiative underway to include the posting of bid awards on the website.

(R9) Current operating policies covering travel and use of entity owned assets, including vehicles, cell phones, computers, and credit cards should be available on websites or by online CPRA requests.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 9 has been partially implemented. Placer County currently has an initiative underway to implement an online CPRA requests which would satisfy this recommendation.

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(R10) - Placer County, Auburn and Colfax, along with all special districts, should incorporate into their websites a link to make CPRA Public Records Requests.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 10 has been partially implemented. Placer County currently has an initiative underway to implement an online CPRA requests which would satisfy this recommendation.

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities: A Consolidated Report*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities: A Consolidated Report*. The Placer County Executive would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the examination of the County's holding facilities.

Findings of the Grand Jury

I agree with the findings numbered F1, F2, F3, and F4.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

Recommendations numbered R7, R9, R12, R13, R14 have been implemented.

(R7) Increase the security of the sally port and lock up the flares stored [at the Burton Creek facility].

County Executive Response: Recommendation 7 has been implemented. Flares and other equipment have been secured and will not be left in the sally port area.

(R9) Repair the heating system.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 9 has been implemented. The facility's heater has since been repaired.

(R12) Assign responsibility for the cracks in the concrete flooring and repair them.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 12 has partially implemented. The cracks are located in the kitchen and part of the food services, which is a Probation Department function. Probation is currently addressing issues with the kitchen floors with resurfacing as part of the project.

(R13) Provide more opportunity for work hours for the female inmates.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 13 has been implemented. The Sheriff has worked with Probation to add weekend shifts in the kitchen, which includes additional hours for female inmates. The Sheriff has also modified the laundry schedule with additional shifts and work opportunities for female inmates.

(R14) Repair the numerous, on-going ceiling water leak problems inside the [Auburn Jail].

County Executive Response: Recommendation 14 has been implemented. Leaks are known to occur during extreme rain. The Sheriff works with their maintenance contractor to resolve these issues in a timely manner as they occur.

(R10) Increase the security of the storage of evidence [at Burton Creek].

County Executive Response: Recommendation 10 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The Sheriff is in the process of upgrading evidence security and is included in the FY 2015-16 budget. Projected completion is September 2015. For clarification purposes, evidence obtained from the Tahoe area may be initially stored at the Burton Creek facility. However, evidence is then transferred to the Auburn Justice Center for long-term storage.

Recommendations numbered R3, R5, R6, and R11 require further analysis.

(R3) Install security cameras in the back parking lot (a recurring Grand Jury recommendation from the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report).

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to respond as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is responsible for the facility. It is understood that the Sheriff's Office has advised the AOC of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

(R5) Install bars on the window in the stairwell that the inmates utilize.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to fully respond as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is responsible for the facility.

(R6) Improve the emergency public announcement (PA) system, so it is site-wide.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to respond as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is responsible for the facility. It is understood that the Sheriff's Office has advised the AOC of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

(R11) Implement changes to make the facility more ADA-compliant.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to respond as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is responsible for the facility. It is understood that the Sheriff's Office has advised the AOC of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

Recommendations numbered R1, R2, R4, and R8 will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(R1) Obscure the glass in Department 1 so inmates cannot see into the judge's office area.

County Executive Response: The County Executive Office is unable to fully respond as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is responsible for the facility. However, it is understood that the glass in Department 1 leading into the Judge's chambers is already obscured.

(R2) Train and supply staff with epi-pens in case of emergency (bee stings, mosquito bites, food allergies, etc.) [at the Historic Courthouse].

County Executive Response: Recommendation 2 will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. An epi-pen should not be administered without a prescription from a medical professional.

(R4) Adjust the sensitivity of the metal detector in the lobby so it is not triggered by the movement of the elevator.

County Executive Response: Recommendation 5 will not be implemented because it is not warranted. This recommendation would reduce the sensitivity of the metal detector, and may reduce the effectiveness of security screening.

(R8) Train and supply staff with epi-pens in case of emergency [at the Burton Creek facility].

County Executive Response: Recommendation 8 will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. An epi-pen should not be administered without a prescription from a medical professional.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sharon Stanners, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury
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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility – Annual Inspection

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility – Annual Inspection*. The Placer County Executive would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the juvenile detention facility review.

Findings of the Grand Jury

The County Executive agrees with the findings numbered F1, F3, and F5.

(F2) The design of the outdoor grass area at the JDF facility is inherently flawed.

County Executive Response: The County Executive partially disagrees with this finding. The design of the juvenile detention center was originally predicated on the need to expand in the future. However, due to the declining juvenile population, these designs have been revised. The outdoor area has already been reduced and redirected to other County priorities. The Probation Department is currently in the process of restructuring the remaining smaller outdoor grass area.

(F4) The JDF staff appear to run a good program for detainees who are there for a short time (i.e., days to weeks). However, certain aspects of the program, namely the repetition of class offerings and limited access to the grass field could be detrimental to detainees held for a longer period of time (i.e., months to years.)

County Executive Response: The County Executive partially disagrees with this finding. The current programs available to the youth at the juvenile detention facility can be administered in periods ranging from one week to six months. In the rare circumstance that a youth is being detained for longer than six months is generally attributed to their awaiting the period when they can progress into the adult system. The Placer County Probation Department currently exceeds the requirements set forth by Title 15 and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations in the size and availability of recreational space allotted to the youth at the facility.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

(R1) Seek funding from the Placer County Executive office to address the fencing security and staffing issues relating to the use of the grassy outdoor area.

County Executive Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. Due to security concerns previously expressed, the large grassy area is not being regularly utilized by the Probation Department. A large portion of this area has been sectioned off to accommodate the building of the County's new animal shelter. The County is currently working to fence in the remaining outdoor recreation area to reduce the size, but still be in compliance with Title 24 requirements. The project began in the spring of 2015, and is estimated to be completed by October 2015.

(R2) Provide additional behavior and social development classes for detainees who have already taken the basic courses.

County Executive Response: This recommendation requires further analysis. The youth currently residing at the juvenile hall are in custody, on average, for less than a month's time. Programs currently administered at the juvenile hall accommodate juveniles that are in custody for up to six months. Youth who are detained for more than a six month period happen only sporadically, and are generally those who have been charged with serious crimes and are awaiting such time as they can be sentenced into the adult system. The County will work the Probation Department to look into additional programming options that may be available for youth in custody for longer periods of time.

The County Executive appreciates the work of the 2014-15 Placer County Grand Jury in their report regarding the Annual Inspection of the Juvenile Detention Facility.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

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cc: Sharon Stanners, Foreperson of Placer County Grand Jury
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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Human Trafficking

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Human Trafficking*. The Department of Health and Human Services would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts in bringing to light the very unique emerging challenges associated with identifying and serving victims of human trafficking. Care for this unique set of youth is challenging.

The Grand Jury should also be aware that the County's Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Board Children's Committee has also identified commercially and sexually Exploited Children and Youth, as a focus for exploration and support in 2016.

Our department respectfully submits the following as response to your board's report of June 26, 2015.

FINDINGS

We agree with the findings, numbered: F1, F3, F4, F5, F6, and F7.

We disagree partially with the findings, numbered: F2.

F2 - An advocate, who has worked with victims for 15 years, uses stringent software to test for boundaries and sexual propensities (Diana Screening) in potential safe houses for victims. This advocate says that the use of this more extensive software could improve the probability of human trafficking victims to find a safe home.

While there is the potential for screening instruments, used in conjunction with personal interviews and background checks, to identify individuals who may not be suitable for working with children and youth, the Diana screening tool has yet to be fully embraced by the provider community due to issues with its sensitivity and limited validation studies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered R1, R2 and R3 have been implemented.

R1 - Health and Human Services continues to seek up to date information and state-of-the-art programs for human trafficking victim assistance.

The Health and Human Services (HHS) and Probation departments have provided more than 16 hours of clinical training in the last year to more than 100 social workers, emergency shelter staff, therapists and probation officers serving youth and families. Staff have overwhelmingly expressed satisfaction with the content, which comes from state approved trainers with many years of experience in child sex trafficking. Additionally, several staff have recently become certified trainers on prevention principles.

R2 - The CSEC continues "active" coordination of all agencies involved in identifying and tracking human trafficking incidents in Placer County.

HHS's Children's System of Care (CSOC) has been among the first programs in California to complete a specific county plan to address this challenge with partner agencies. Additionally, a Memorandum of Understanding involving local law enforcement partners is near finalization. The CSEC task force will be supported with the full awareness and energies of the Systems Management Advocacy Resource Team (SMART) Policy Board, including local judges, as it seeks to protect and treat young people whose lives are affected by trafficking.

Additional to identification and treatment, CSOC will focus efforts on prevention, working with districts and Placer's County Office of Education, to raise awareness for teachers and school personnel who are often first line identifiers of at-risk young people.

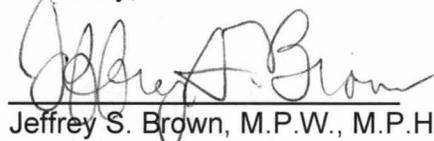
R2 - The CSEC develop human trafficking awareness programs to educate parents and children, with a special emphasis on foster parents and foster children.

CSOC has already begun screening and identification of all youth at the Children's Emergency Shelter and Juvenile Detention Facility. Continuing efforts will seek out the best tools to enhance this process when possible. Self-directed youth education training is available to identified foster youth, as a method of raising personal awareness for potential victims.

The Department is working with both training and local Group Home provider partners to build CSEC content and process into a host of training requirements. These informational trainings will be available for youth in the community to increase awareness of CSEC warning signs and preventative measures.

On September 15, 2015 the Department will be requesting the Board of Supervisors pass a Resolution affirming the county's full support for identifying and treating young victims.

Sincerely,



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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Investigation of County and City Operational Policies

Dear Judge Nichols:

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Investigation of County and City Operational Policies*. The Auditor-Controller's Office would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

Findings of the Grand Jury

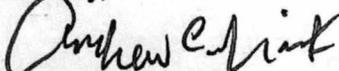
- I agree with the finding numbered F21.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

- Recommendation numbered R10 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. I am in the process of updating the Placer County Fraud Policy to include instructions on how to report fraud, waste and abuse by County employees, including a newly created Internal Audits email account. In addition, consistent with our 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan, we have commenced a Whistleblower Hotline Feasibility Study which will determine best practices among counties and the most cost effective way of administering a whistleblower policy and related procedures.

We anticipate that our updated policy will be approved by October 31, 2015 and the feasibility study to be completed by December 31, 2015. Once the study is completed, we would then make recommendations to the Audit Committee on next steps to implement a whistleblower hotline.

Sincerely,


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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – *Transfer of Dewitt Center Enterprise Funds and Its Impact on Citizens*

Dear Judge Nichols,

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Transfer of Dewitt Center Enterprise Funds and Its Impact on Citizens*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Officer would like to thank the members of the 2014-15 Grand Jury for their efforts.

FINDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY

- F1 Seniors First provides Placer County senior and disabled citizens with the following services at no or reduced costs for the following services:**
- **Assisted Living Placement**
 - **Door-to Door Rides for shut-in citizens for medical/dental appointments, food shopping, and other out-of-home appointments**
 - **Friendly Visitor Program for shut-ins**
 - **Senior nutrition at senior cafes throughout the county**
 - **Health Express for hospital needs**
 - **Handy Person Program assist for home repairs**
 - **Information and referrals to other programs serving disabled and senior residents**

Facility Services' Response: The Department agrees with this Finding.

- F2 Seniors First contracts for funding with the California Area 4 Agency on Aging and other Community Foundations. They also solicit donations and hold fundraisers. A majority of their services are offered free of charge to the citizens they serve. This population consists primarily of persons who are disabled, or seniors in need. Many are shut-ins without other family in the area or families unable to provide for their needs. These clients have little political advocacy or presence in the county.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department agrees with this Finding.

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Property Management – Environmental Engineering – Utilities

- F3 Seniors First relocated from their offices at the DeWitt Center due to the cancellation of their lease. In absorbing the costs of the relocation, they have \$29,000 less to spend serving seniors, including the disabled and shut-ins. Additionally, their monthly rental payments have increased from \$708.92 to \$1,129.80 a month at their new location.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department partially agrees with this Finding. The initial term of Seniors First's lease, from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, was not cancelled. On May 21, 2014, the County notified Seniors First that the County would not consent to Seniors First's exercising its 1-year option, as provided for in Seniors First's lease. Based on this information, Seniors First elected to terminate their initial term in mid-September to allow for their move to its new location. As with other tenants, the County waived Seniors First's last month rent.

- F4 The reclassification of the DeWitt Center Enterprise funds to the PCGC-ISF does not obviate the recommendation of the 2013-2014 Grand Jury that these funds might be used to offset the costs of relocation for Seniors First.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department agrees with this Finding.

- F5 Placer County Officials indicated that the revenues from the DeWitt Government Center are dedicated exclusively to the county government offices. All income derived from external leases on the DeWitt Government Center Campus (Home Depot, as an example) are earmarked for DeWitt Government Center Growth, maintenance, and building needs.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department partially agrees with this Finding. As a point of clarification, as an internal service fund, revenues from the DeWitt Government Center would typically, be dedicated to offsetting current and future expenses on the Government Center Property.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY

- R1 Income generated by the DeWitt Government Center be considered to be available to the people of Placer County and not just dedicated to DeWitt Government Center needs.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department partially disagrees with this Recommendation. Income generated by leases at the Government Center are public funds available for allocation by the Board of Supervisors through the budgeting process. The County set up an internal service fund to better track costs and revenues associated with the Government Center property. The intent is to provide better transparency and accountability on the costs of the Government Center. The Board of Supervisors has historically had separate programs (such as revenue sharing) that have supported non-profit organizations.

- R2 Placer County considers reimbursing Seniors First for their out-of pocket costs (\$29,000) expended in their forced relocation.**

Facility Services' Response: The Department disagrees with this Recommendation although the Department considered this at expiration of the lease. The Department disagrees with reimbursing a tenant for relocation costs after the expiration of a lease. A request can be made of the Board of Supervisors to provide funding to a non-profit organization including Seniors First.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Grehm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Re: Response to the 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities: A Consolidated Report

Dear Judge Nichols:

After careful review of the findings and recommendations of the Placer County Grand Jury, I am pleased to submit the following responses to the 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Placer County Jails and Holding Facilities: A Consolidated Report.

FINDINGS

I agree with the findings, numbered F1, F2, F3 & F4.

- **F1.** In general, all six Placer County jails and holding facilities are clean, well-maintained, and well-managed. It is clear that all staff is proud of the facilities.
- **F2.** The Burton Creek Substation Jail/Holding Facility is functional and well-coordinated, especially considering its age.
- **F3.** The South Placer Main Jail and the Auburn Main Jail are the most impacted by AB109, which creates overcrowding, as discussed in the Summary section. Long-term rehabilitation and extended medical services are now more vital for those with longer sentences. County facilities were not built to accommodate this AB109 mandate.
- **F4.** Proposition 47 places a burden on the correctional system because of the sudden surge in petitions for inmates to have their classifications and sentences reduced. Future plans to build a second minimum-security facility on the South Placer property may help alleviate the increase in population of those with lesser sentences, but this is just a small step toward a more permanent solution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Auburn Historic Courthouse Recommendations:

- **R1.** Obscure the glass in Department 1 so inmates cannot see into the judge's office area.

Response: Recommendation R1 will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The glass in Department 1 leading into the Judge's chambers is already obscured and matches all other privacy glass in the Historic Courthouse.

- **R2.** Train and supply staff with epi-pens in case of emergency (bee stings, mosquito bites, food allergies, etc.).

Response: Recommendation R2 will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. An epi-pen is a means of medical intervention with prescribed, injectable medication. It should not be administered without a prescription from a medical professional. In the event of a medical emergency at the Historic Courthouse, we would call for EMS services from the Fire Department only one block away from the Courthouse.

- **R3.** Install security cameras in the back parking lot (a recurring Grand Jury recommendation from the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Report).

Response: Recommendation R3 will require further analysis. The Sheriff's Office defers to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for further analysis on this issue, as they are responsible for the facility. The Sheriff's Office will again advise the AOC of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

- **R4.** Adjust the sensitivity of the metal detector in the lobby so it is not triggered by the movement of the elevator.

Response: Recommendation R5 will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The facility is a historic building and presents irregularities. At times, the magnetometer sensors can pick up the various movements in the building. Although the magnetometer can be calibrated to be less sensitive, I do not advise this in the interest of public safety.

- **R5.** Install bars on the window in the stairwell that the inmates utilize.

Response: Recommendation R5 will not be implemented because it is not warranted. There are bars on the windows of the stairwell of the Historic Courthouse. There is one small corner of a second story window that is not barred; however, it has been evaluated and is not a safety concern.

- **R6.** Improve the emergency public announcement (PA) system, so it is site-wide.

Response: Recommendation R6 will require further analysis. The Sheriff's Office defers to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for further analysis on this issue, as they are responsible for the facility. The Sheriff's Office will advise the AOC of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

Burton Creek Recommendations:

- **R7.** Increase the security of the sally port and lock up the flares stored there.

Response: Recommendation R7 has been implemented. The sally port area at the Burton Creek facility sits adjacent to the Sheriff's vehicle maintenance bay. Although the sally port area is under the direct supervision of a jail deputy during inmate movement, maintenance items left unsecured can be a safety concern. The flares and other equipment have been secured and will not be left in the sally port area.

- **R8.** Train and supply staff with epi-pens in case of emergency.

Response: Recommendation R7 will not be implemented because it is not reasonable. An epi-pen is a means of medical intervention with prescribed, injectable medication. If an inmate in our custody carried such a device, it would be included in the inmate's property. In the event of a medical reaction, we would retrieve the prescribed epi-pen to allow the inmate to self-deploy. Unfortunately, the Burton Creek facility does not utilize CFMG, our inmate medical provider, on-site. In the event of a medical emergency, we would call for EMS services from North Lake Tahoe Fire.

- **R9.** Repair the heating system.

Response: Recommendation R9 has been implemented. At the time of the Grand Jury's inspection, the facility's heater was not operating. The problem was identified and corrected.

- **R10.** Increase the security of the storage of evidence.

Response: Recommendation R10 has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. Our evidence procedures at the North Lake Tahoe Station have been an evolution of practice and procedure over time. We are currently in the process of upgrading locks and related equipment to our evidence unit, and expect the upgrades to be completed by September 2015. Due to the physical design and age of the Burton Creek facility, as well as the climate conditions experienced in the Tahoe Basin, long-term storage of evidence is transferred to the Auburn Justice Center. To be clear, the storage of evidence is not a function of the Burton Creek jail facility.

- **R11.** Implement changes to make the facility more ADA-compliant.

Response: Recommendation R11 will require further analysis. The Sheriff's Office defers to the AOC, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive Officer to pursue the most feasible option to either implement changes to the current Burton Creek facility, or the option of a new Sheriff's Station in North Lake Tahoe. Either option would be driven by other capital improvement priorities within the County.

South Placer Main Jail Recommendation:

- **R12.** Assign responsibility for the cracks in the concrete flooring and repair them.

Response: Recommendation R12 has been implemented in part. The location of the cracks in the concrete flooring is in the kitchen of the South Placer Jail. The Probation Department is assigned responsibility for this area. They are currently evaluating several issues with the kitchen floors and plan to resurface the floors in the near future.

South Placer Minimum Security Facility Recommendation:

- **R13.** Provide more opportunity for work hours for the female inmates.

Response: Recommendation R13 has been implemented. We have added weekend shifts in the kitchen specifically for the female workers. The laundry schedule has been modified to create additional shifts and more work opportunities for female inmates.

Auburn Main Jail Recommendation:

- **R14.** Repair the numerous, on-going ceiling water leak problems inside the facility.

Response: Recommendation R14 has been implemented. The entire roof of the Auburn Mail Jail was resurfaced approximately six years ago. Since that time, the building has had random leaks that present during extremely inclement weather. We have upgraded our maintenance reporting process with an online system. The Jail's Operations Sergeant works directly with our maintenance vendor to address any issues that arise. The process is working very well for us at this time.

I wish to thank the members of the 2014-15 Placer County Grand Jury for their dedication to the community, and for their work during the past year.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 2015

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Re: 2014-15 Grand Jury Final Report – Annual Inspection of the Juvenile Detention Facility

Dear Judge Nichols,

I would like to thank the 2014-2015 Grand Jury for their continued efforts with the annual inspection of the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). I have thoroughly reviewed the final report, findings and recommendations of the Grand Jury and have submitted my response below.

Findings of the Grand Jury

I agree with the following findings, numbered F1, F3 and F5:

- F1. The JDF was clean and well maintained.
- F3. The JDF Staff exhibited a good rapport with the detainees. They have implemented merit/point system and their focus is preparing the detainees for release with a view to minimizing the recidivism rate.
- F5. The JDF Staff stated that serving food in the dayroom rather than the cafeteria saves time, and limits security risks caused by traveling back and forth. This procedure also allows detainees more time to eat in a more relaxed atmosphere.

I partially disagree with the following findings, numbered F2 and F4:

- F2. The design of the outdoor grass area at the JDF facility is inherently flawed. The design of this facility was based on meeting the maximum potential occupancy needs, along with an ability to grow in the future. Original plans to address future growth have been revised based on the declining facility population over the last decade. The outdoor grass area at the JDF has been reduced and we are currently in the process of restructuring the outdoor space with a smaller grass area, which will increase the use of the area while enhancing institutional security.

- F4. The JDF Staff appear to run a good program for detainees who are there for a short time (i.e., days to weeks). However, certain aspects of the program, namely the repetition of class offerings and limited access to the grass field could be detrimental to detainees held for a longer period of time (i.e., months to years). I agree that staff provide good evidence-based programming to youth in our care and custody. Unfortunately, on occasion, youth are held in the JDF for longer periods of time in order for them to be held accountable through adult court. Because these occurrences happen infrequently, our ability to ensure effective and consistent programming is hampered. Title 15 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations dictate the type and minimum size of recreation spaces and minimum time periods that youth are allowed to access those recreation areas. The Placer County JDF exceeds the minimum size requirements and typically exceeds the minimum required access time for outdoor recreation. The covered, all weather "Sports Court" referred to in the Grand Jury Report is considered to be an outdoor recreation area by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

- R1 Seek funding from the Placer County Executive office to address the fencing security and staffing issues relating to the use of the grassy outdoor area.
- R2 Provide additional behavior and social development classes for detainees who have already taken the basic courses.

Response:

Recommendation R1 will be implemented without a need to increase JDF staffing. A time line has been established, with completion expected no later than October 31, 2015.

- The large grass outdoor recreation area has not been regularly utilized for the reasons outlined in the Grand Jury Report. The Probation Department is working with other County agencies to remedy this by reconfiguring the dimensions and location of the grass field. The reduced configuration and realignment of fencing will provide for a higher level of security and less public access around the fence perimeter. The new configuration addresses the security concerns without the need to enhance staffing while exceeding Title 24 minimum size requirements by approximately 46%.
- The department is working with Facility Services, and the JDF fencing project has involved a coordinated effort with County agencies and the vendor completing the Placer County Animal Services Center. The project began in the spring of 2015. The JDF fencing project has been completed and the final phase includes the rehabilitation of the remaining existing field in conjunction with establishment of a new field. The timeline for completion of the JDF field project is October 31st, 2015, though it will be completed as part of a larger development plan in coordination with the Animal Services Center project and as a result may be subject to change.

Recommendation R2 will require further analysis. A timeline has not yet been established.

- The length of stay for youth in our care and custody averaged 22 days in Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015. Our current evidence-based programming is designed to be administered over a period as short as one week, but may take as long as six months to complete. Current best practices dictate that youth be placed in positive environments conducive to their mental and emotional growth, usually with family members, as quickly as practical. While in our care and custody, we are to foster the needed growth. Youth are not typically detained in the JDF on a long term basis as a punitive measure. Youth ordered into our care and custody in excess of the six months happens only sporadically. These youth are typically minors facing serious adult charges and if convicted, will enter our adult system or be sentenced to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The Department will investigate cost effective evidence-based resources that might be available for long term commitments, youth pending adult court, or those pending a commitment to CDCR.

This addresses all of the required responses from the Probation Department. Again, I would like to express appreciation for the Grand Jury's steadfast effort in inspecting our Juvenile Detention Facility and we recognize the value the Grand Jury brings to the citizens of Placer County.

Sincerely,

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Chief Probation Officer

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