

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer
By: Bekki Riggan, Principal Management Analyst

DATE: June 18, 2013

SUBJECT: 2012-13 Grand Jury Annual Inspection – Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California – Board of Supervisors Response

Action Requested

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter in response to the Placer County Grand Jury's 2012-13 Annual Inspection of the Placer County Main Jail.

Background

On August 28, 2012, the Grand Jury inspected the Placer County Main Jail (PCMJ), and on November 7, 2012, inspected the minimum-security barracks. At the conclusion of their inspections, the Placer County Grand Jury issued a report titled *Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California Annual Inspection*. The report includes a summary of actions taken, and facts derived from the Grand Jury's inspections, along with their findings and recommendations.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office and the Sheriff's Office were asked to provide responses to the Grand Jury report. In collaboration with County departments, County Executive Office staff prepared a response on the behalf of the Board of Supervisors, which is subject to your approval today. Upon approval by your Board, the Board's response will be provided to the Presiding Judge of the Placer County Superior Court and to the Placer County Grand Jury.

The report indicates the general physical condition of the main jail is very good and is managed well, despite conditions of overcrowding. Additionally, the report concludes there are not enough Taser weapons available for all on-duty jail staff during each shift, the minimum-security barracks are functional, but old, and also makes mention of the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) not being open at the time the report was written.

The report recommends purchase of additional Tasers for the main jail, and expedited staffing and opening of SPACF to alleviate potential problems due to overcrowding.

Board of Supervisors Response

Details of the Grand Jury's finding and recommendations are included within the response letter attached. To summarize, the letter states that the Board of Supervisors agrees, in general, with all of the Grand Jury's Findings related to the Placer County Main Jail. With respect to the Grand Jury's assertion of there not being enough Taser weapons available for all on-duty jail staff during each shift, the letter states the Board of Supervisors disagrees with this finding, as the main jail is in fact properly equipped with Taser weapons for each on-duty jail staff member, during each shift. Procedural issues which had previously resulted in Tasers not being turned in by staff members at the end of each shift have been corrected.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this response to the Grand Jury report.

Attachments: Board of Supervisors 2012-13 Grand Jury Response to: *Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California Annual Inspection*

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June 18, 2013

Albert Erkel, Foreman
Placer County Grand Jury
11490 C Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Re: 2012-13 Grand Jury Annual Inspection – Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California

Dear Mr. Erkel,

This letter is in response to the 2012-13 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California Annual Inspection*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2012-13 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the annual inspection of the Placer County Main Jail.

Findings of the Grand Jury

1. The physical condition of the main jail is very good.

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

2. The minimum-security barracks are functional, but old.

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this Finding. Placer County's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget includes funding for projected new staff and operational costs associated with transitioning from the County's existing minimum-security facility in Auburn to the new South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) in Roseville.

3. The Placer County Main Jail (PCMJ) is well managed despite crowded conditions.

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

4. The Placer County Main Jail (PCMJ) does not have enough Taser weapons to issue to all on-duty jail staff.

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors disagrees with this Finding. The PCMJ is properly equipped with Taser weapons for each on-duty jail staff member, during each shift. Procedural issues which had previously resulted in Tasers not being turned in by staff members at the end of each shift have been corrected.

5. The South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) is not open at the time of this writing.

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this Finding. Placer County's FY 2013-14 Proposed includes funding for projected new staff and operational costs associated with transitioning from the County's existing minimum-security facility in Auburn to the new South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) in Roseville.

Recommendations of the Grand Jury

1. To purchase enough Tasers to enable these weapons to be issued to each on-duty jail personnel.

Board of Supervisors Response: This Recommendation has been implemented, as the Placer County Main Jail is properly equipped with enough Taser weapons for issue to each on-duty jail staff member, during each shift.

2. The staffing and opening of the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) should be expedited to alleviate potential problems due directly to crowded conditions of the Placer County Main Jail (PCMJ).

Board of Supervisors Response: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this Recommendation and has included funding in Placer County's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget for projected new staff and operational costs associated with transitioning to the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility in the summer of 2014.

The Board of Supervisors appreciates the work of the 2012-13 Placer County Grand Jury in their report regarding the Placer County Main Jail, Auburn, California Annual Inspection.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

Jim Holmes, Chairman (District 3)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Alan V. Pineschi, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer
Edward N. Bonner, Placer County Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall