

**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:** July 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** 2012-13 Grand Jury Annual Inspection – Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility – Board of Supervisors Response

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**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 Juvenile Detention Facility.

**Background**

On September 5, 2012, the Grand Jury inspected the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). At the conclusion of their inspection, the Placer County Grand Jury issued a report titled *Annual Inspection Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility*. 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, Facility Services and the Probation Department 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 JDF is clean and well maintained. The staff assigned to the JDF takes great pride in working there, and are in the process of developing and implementing a comprehensive program to comply with the Prisoner Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Security in the facility is monitored by security cameras; however there are two specific areas which lack this security including the nurse's station and the maximum security area.

The report recommends installing cameras in the nurse's station and the maximum security area.

**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 with all of the Grand Jury's Findings related to the JDF. With respect to the Grand Jury's findings of there being inadequate cameras in the nurse's station and maximum security area, the Probation Department is in the process of adding additional cameras in these two areas. Funding has been allocated to fix this problem, and completion is expected by December 2013.

**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: *Annual Inspection Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility.*

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Albert Erkel, Foreman  
Placer County Grand Jury  
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## Re: 2012-13 Grand Jury Annual Inspection – *Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility*

Dear Mr. Erkel,

This letter is in response to the 2012-13 Grand Jury's Findings & Recommendations from the report titled *Annual Inspection Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility*. The Placer County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2012-13 Grand Jury for their efforts associated with the inspection of the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF).

### Findings of the Grand Jury

1. The JDF was clean and well maintained. Any graffiti present was quickly painted over.

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

2. The staff appears to be proud of the work they do and the rapport they develop with the detainees.

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

3. This staff was in the process of developing and implementing a comprehensive program to comply with the Prisoner Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

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

4. Security throughout the facility is aided through the use of video monitoring cameras. Security could be improved by additional cameras in the nurse's station and the maximum security areas.

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

### Recommendations of the Grand Jury

2. Additional security cameras should be installed in the nurse's station and in the Maximum Security area.

**Board of Supervisors Response:** The Board of Supervisors agrees with this recommendation. The Probation Department currently has funding in place for the addition of these cameras. As such, the department has a tentative completion date of December 31, 2013.

The Board of Supervisors appreciates the work of the 2012-13 Placer County Grand Jury in their report regarding the Placer Juvenile Detention Facility Inspection.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Alan V. Pineschi, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer  
Marshall Hopper, Placer County Chief Probation Officer