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August 18, 2020

Honorable Susan E. Green  
Sutter County Superior Court  
1175 Civic Center Blvd.,  
Yuba City, CA 95993

**RE: Response to the 2019-2020 Sutter County Grand Jury Report**

Dear Judge Green:

The Colusa County Board of Supervisors submits this response to the Sutter County's Grand Jury's 2019-20 report as required by California Penal Code section 933(c). This Response only pertains to those matters under the Board's control. The one item for which the Grand Jury requested a response concerns their inquiry into the condition and management of the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility which is part of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) made up of Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa counties.

The Grand Jury made several findings (F1-F3) and recommendations (R1-R3) following its inquiry. The Colusa County Board of Supervisors provides the following responses.

**Grand Jury Findings**

The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is operated and managed by Yuba County under our Joint Powers Agreement. The Colusa County Board of Supervisors has not independently investigated the issues referenced in findings F1 through F3 so it has no basis to agree or disagree with the findings. The County will take the findings under advisement and consideration as part of its participation in the JPA.

**Grand Jury Recommendations**

The Grand Jury also made a number of recommendations. The County responds to the recommendations as follows:

***R1. The Board of Supervisors give approval to replace the carpet or repair and sanitize the current carpet in the Juvenile Hall girl's dormitory by 12/31/20***

The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility is operated and managed by Yuba County under our JPA agreement. The Colusa County Board of Supervisors does not have jurisdiction over day-to-day operational and management decisions of the facility. Nevertheless, to the extent the carpet is in need of repair or sanitization and the Board can facilitate that process, it will. Additionally, the Board anticipates that construction of a new facility will begin shortly. Once completed, the new facility will likely mitigate the need for continued servicing of the old facility which will no longer be housing juveniles.

***R2. The Yuba County Office of Education develop and implement a structured and comprehensive life skills program that should include money management, food, and nutrition knowledge, hygiene care and pregnancy awareness and management by 6/31/21.***

***R3. The Yuba County office of Education have in place more training and exposure to the technical/vocational career opportunities available to the youths (i.e.: culinary, plumbing, electrical, military, etc.), obtain brochures and other written material describing these careers and their requirements, and assist you in obtaining further information if they want to pursue a specific goal, by 9/01/21.***

The Colusa County Board of Supervisors does not have jurisdiction or authority over the Yuba County Office of Education. Nevertheless, the Board does not oppose the recommendations provided by the Grand Jury.

The Board of Supervisors thanks the Grand Jury for its time and consideration of the matters it addressed in its report.

Sincerely,

  
Denise J. Carter, Chair  
Colusa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Sutter County Board of Supervisors  
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

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