

**The Sutter County
Board of Supervisors' Response to the**

2019-2020

**Sutter County Grand Jury
Final Report**



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September 8, 2020

The Honorable Susan E. Green
Presiding Judge of the Sutter County Superior Court
1175 Civic Center Boulevard
Yuba City, CA 95993

Dear Judge Green:

On behalf of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, I am herewith submitting its response to the findings and recommendations of the 2019-20 Grand Jury Final Report. The Board of Supervisors has responded to the following reports as requested by the Sutter County Grand Jury:

- Sutter County Jail
- Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility & the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors and administration thanks the Grand Jurors for their service to the citizens of Sutter County. Grand Jury service requires a great amount of time and effort and each juror's dedication is truly appreciated.

I would be happy to meet with the Grand Jury to discuss any or all of these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.M. Smith", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Steven M. Smith
County Administrator

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Sutter County Jail

The Board of Supervisors and Sutter County Sheriff were requested to respond to this report. Below is the response from the Board of Supervisors, developed in concert with the County Administrative Office. A response from the Sutter County Sheriff is attached.

FINDINGS

Grand Jury Finding #1:

"F1: There is a staffing issue within the Sutter County Sheriff's Jail facility."

Grand Jury Finding #2:

"F2: The Sutter County Grand Jury found that there are drugs and other contraband present within the jail."

Grand Jury Finding #3:

"F3: Lack of overhead netting in the medium security exercise yards."

Grand Jury Finding #4:

"F4: The current search method for contraband has proven to be inadequate."

Grand Jury Finding #5:

"F5: The laundry room has no surveillance cameras present."

Response from the Board of Supervisors:

F1: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F2: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F3: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F4: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F5: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.