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RE: Yolo County Grand Jury Report – Yolo County Detention Center: Facing Challenges

Honorably Judge Maguire:

The following is the response to the 2012-2013 Yolo County Grand Jury Report entitled “Yolo County Detention Center: Facing Challenges” from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator. For purposes of readability, we have included the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations in **bold**.

R1 The plans for facility upgrades and expansion should be implemented as a first priority as funds become available. The Center should be brought into compliance with Title 24.

Board of Supervisors response: This recommendation will be implemented. The timeline will be determined by funding availability.

R2 As the final entity in determining the Detention Center budget, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors should tour the facility by December 1, 2013 to review the need for structural updates to meet existing code and to determine the need for additional staff to ensure the Center is fully staffed for each shift at all times.

Board of Supervisors response: This recommendation will be partially implemented. Board members, both individually and as committee members, have already toured the facility. The Board has contracted with professional architectural and engineering firms to assess structural needs as part of preparing a renovation grant application. It is more

appropriate for architectural and engineering professionals to assess structural and code update needs as opposed to the Board members themselves. These professional recommendations will then be brought to the Board for consideration.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes that staffing shortages exist in many departments as the County workforce was decreased by approximately one-third to maintain balanced budgets during the recession. If and when additional revenue becomes available, the Board will assess program and staffing needs across the County for investment. Unfortunately, at present expenditures continue to increase faster than revenues, thus it is unlikely new positions will be added in the foreseeable future.

R3 The Yolo County Administrator's Office should review the "single source" exception contained in its Contracting and Purchasing policy and more clearly define the standards under which a contract for services may be approved without a competitive bid.

County Administrator response: This recommendation will be implemented by December 31, 2013.