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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Paul Richardson
Superior Court Judge

From: E.G. Prieto, Sheriff ~ Coroner

Subject: Response to the 2014 – 2015 Grand Jury Report

Date: July 10, 2015

Background:

Members of the Yolo County Grand Jury met with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office as part of the Grand Jury's annual oversight function.

Yolo County Jails

Recommendations of the Grand Jury:

R2 By June 1, 2016, the Detention Commander, in conjunction with the Chief Probation Officer, shall develop and implement a plan to track the effectiveness of discharge planning an in-house programs as they apply to inmates who successfully complete probation.

Response of the Sheriff:

The Sheriff's Office obtained grant funding during FY 2014 – 2015 to hire a Social Worker whose duties are to evaluate all programs provided to inmates within the Yolo County Jail system. The Detention Commander and the Social Worker will work with Probation to implement a tracking system by June 1, 2016, for those inmates that leave custody and successfully complete their probation.

Recommendation of the Grand Jury:

R3 The County Administrator, in conjunction with the Detention Commander, shall meet prior to the start of renovations to ensure that all areas originally planned to be in-house program space shall remain as such.

“Service Without Limitations”

Response of the Sheriff:

The Sheriff has assigned several members of his staff to be members of the AB900 Expansion/Renovation team. These staff members are from the Sheriff's Administration Division and Detention Division. They meet regularly with staff from the County Administrator's Office as this project nears development. Program space within the facility is of high priority and every effort will be made to not reduce this space

Recommendation of the Grand Jury:

R4 By January 1, 2016, the Detention Commander shall identify any deficiencies in the surveillance system and, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors, take the necessary steps to remedy the deficiencies.

Response of the Sheriff:

The Sheriff has directed the Detention Commander to correct any deficiencies in the surveillance system and other security systems within the jail. A Task Force of Correctional Officers, Correctional Sergeants and a Correctional Lieutenant was formed and have identified cameras to be replaced and those to be enhanced. This year, 18 cameras have been replaced and the installation of a Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) will be completed by 8/1/15. A complete upgrade of the system is being designed to include the additional areas affected by the upcoming remodel and expansion.

Yolo County Animal Services

Recommendation of the Grand Jury:

R1 By September 1, 2015, the Chief Animal Services Officer, in conjunction with Human Resources, shall alter and stagger work schedules so that shelter services are available for longer hours.

Response from the Sheriff:

The Yolo County Animal Shelter is open 6 days a week. On Mondays from 1pm to 5pm (Full service except for by phone), Tuesdays through Fridays from 10am to 6pm (Full Service – closed 1pm to 2pm for lunch), Saturdays from 10am to 4pm (Full Service – closed 1pm to 2pm for lunch). With the current staffing, our shelter is accessible to the public more hours than our sister counties. Schedules have been adjusted to make this possible with even the changing of staff's lunch hour from the normal noon hour to allow for public access during that time. Staggering or splitting days off would not be conducive to retaining talented and qualified employees. The Sheriff will direct the Chief Animal Services Officer to meet with Human Resources by August 1, 2015 to review our staffing plan. If additional employees are needed and added to expand accessibility, these added costs will be disbursed within the contracts.

Recommendation of the Grand Jury:

- R3 By January 1, 2016, the Yolo County Sheriff, in coordination with the County Administrator, shall be more transparent and negotiate rates of animal services, as well as negotiating the amount and types of services. The Sheriff's Department shall give each City the opportunity to renegotiate the contract and the rates for July 1, 2016.

Response from the Sheriff:

The Yolo County Sheriff's Office has provided animal services to the County and its cities since 1988. At that time, a formula was developed to establish an equitable billing process for the cities and county for animal services. The Sheriff's Office assumed the contract negotiations with the cities from the County Administrator's Office in 2010. Since 2010, several variations of the delivery of services offered by contract have been implemented until the current model was found to be the most cost effective with the staffing that was available. The Sheriff's Office provides statistical data to the cities on a monthly basis and the Sheriff has allowed the cities direct access to dispatch information for their review. Information is also posted on the Sheriff's website for viewing. The Sheriff's Office has always been responsive to requests from the cities for information. The contracts are based on the formula and any calls for service that occur outside of the contracted hours are regulated by the cities by their authorization of call outs on an overtime basis. The Sheriff's Office is currently in negotiations with the cities for FY 2015/16.

Respectfully Submitted,



E. G. Prieto
Sheriff ~ Coroner

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Report Title: Yolo County Animal Services Report Date: June 2, 2015

Response by: Tom Lopez Title: Undersheriff

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

F3

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

F1, F2

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: _____
have been implemented (attach a summary describing the implemented actions).

Recommendations numbered: R1, R3
require further analysis (attach an explanation of the analysis or study, and the time frame for the matter to be prepared by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed; including the governing body where applicable. The time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of the Grand Jury Report).

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will not be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not reasonable (attach an explanation).

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Report Title: Monroe Detention/Leinberger Report Date: May 20, 2015
Centers

Response by: Tom Lopez Title: Undersheriff

FINDINGS

I (we) agree with the findings numbered:

F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations numbered: R2, R3, R4
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